



TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

SB 1093 Maryland Transportation Authority - Tolls - Collection and Use (Maryland Toll Rate Reform Act of 2024)

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD) supports SB1093 as it establishes a mechanism to help balance our budget coffers. We believe in raising revenue in a prescribed manner that is fair and equitable to all.

Maryland needs revenue and LWVMD believes in maintaining the solvency of the Transportation Trust Fund and increasing the funding for mass transit. Neither are easy to accomplish. This bill sets out considerations for seniors, daily commuters and people with low income to help it become more equitable. It establishes standards and regulations that should be followed, just as individuals follow budgets. Using funds exclusively and for a set purpose in a specific manner helps to balance our treasury. These are funds that the people of Maryland pay and should be accountable to all people who use our transportation system.

This bill is a partial remedy for the Transportation Trust Fund that is long in coming. It provides concrete steps and a way forward without relying on gimmicks, magic tricks, or waving of a wand to create a way to fix what is broken in our transportation system. SB1093 gives us a way forward monetarily.

LWVMD urges this Senate Committee to approve SB1093.