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TO: Honorable Brian J. Feldman and Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan
RE: S 185

Dear Chairman Feldman and Madam Vice Chairman Kagan:

We support this bill because we believe that deafblind Marylanders shall utilize their autonomy at its fullest, one of the ways they can do that is by having a co-navigator. That will help them come out of their homes and be organically part of the community at large as they have a lot to offer to the citizens of Maryland.

We hope that the passage of this Senate Bill (S 185) is actualized and becomes a reality. We look forward to a productive and equitable lives for deafblind Marylanders.

Thank you.

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