

To the Chair and Vice Chair of the Education, Environment, and Energy Committee and members of the Committee.

My name is Steven Frank. I live in Frederick, MD.

I am DeafBlind, and live with my sighted husband, Ed Knight.

I am here in support of SB 185; the Co-Navigation bill. This bill is important to me because I need rides and guide to attend appointments such as the doctor and dentist, grocery shopping and other shopping, and social events. (I can't communicate with a taxi driver or other driver who does not know ASL / tactile ASL, which is why I need a Co-Navigator, not simply a ride.)

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I ask for a favorable report on SB 185.

Steven Frank