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HB 1081 - Maryland Transit Administration Reform Act

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SUPPORT

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Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1081. On behalf of our 700 affiliated unions, I offer the following comments.

In 2023, the General Assembly passed HB 794 establishing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission. This gave Baltimore residents a direct voice in the oversight of Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) services in the area. Importantly, the bill included a seat for labor representatives of frontline MTA workers with lived experience to contribute to the decisions that were being made.

HB 1081 also recognizes the importance of these voices and ensures that workers have a formal seat at the table on the Board of Directors for Baltimore Core Transit Service and the Commuter Services Advisory Board. This seat represents the people who operate, maintain, and support our transit systems, and makes them a core component of decision-making. This reinforces safety and service quality, transparency, workforce stability, and system reliability.

We strongly support the provisions in the bill that put workers first while focusing on further improving and developing our transit system. For these reasons, we urge a favorable vote on HB 1081.



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