

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 201 – *Maryland Transit Administration – State Employees – Free Ridership (Transit Benefit for State Employees)*.

This bill requires the Maryland Transit Administration to offer free transit ridership to all permanent Executive Branch State employees, and authorizes the Maryland Transit Administration to adopt regulations to implement the program. This bill also requires the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of Budget and Management to submit a report to certain legislative committees on the cost and feasibility of expanding the transit ridership program to include other transit services.

Senate Bill 319, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 201.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor