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The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chair  
The Honorable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Appropriations Committee  
Room 121  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland

***Re: Requesting a Favorable Report for HB368  
(Transit Safety and Investment Act)***

Dear Committee Members,

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce request a favorable report on HB 368, the Transit Safety and Investment Act, which sets a minimum capital funding level for the Maryland Transit Administration for FY2022-2027 and prohibits reductions to operating funding levels during the same time period.

The MTA transit system serves hundreds of thousands of employees and their families that rely on MARC, commuter bus and Baltimore metro transit services to access essential destinations throughout Maryland. Prince George's County has five MARC stations, several of which are in priority areas for the County. A well-functioning MARC well help spur economic development and improve regional connectivity.

HB 368 is important to ensure that the MTA system can be brought into a state of good repair as recommended by MTA's Capital Needs Inventory (CNI) report, released in the Summer of 2019, and position the state to act upon its MTA Cornerstone growth plans.

The Chamber represents businesses who employ thousands of Marylanders and we know that adequate investments in our transportation system are critical to the economic competitiveness of our county, state and region.

We request the Appropriations Committee to take action to ensure Maryland's transit system is adequately funded by issuing a favorable report on HB 368.

Sincerely,

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Prince George's Chamber of Commerce