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SB526
Transportation - Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman -
Established

Chairman Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman and Members of the Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss Senate Bill 526, **Transportation - Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman - Established**. SB526 is a simple bill. It requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to designate an employee as an ombudsman for any private sector transportation project. This employee will be responsible for responding to concerns, complaints and inquiries from our residents and local officials regarding private sector transportation projects being tested or developed in the State such as the MAGLEV.

The bill also requires MDOT:

- provide the Ombudsman with sufficient resources to fulfill their responsibilities in an efficient and timely manner.
- publish the name and contact information for the Ombudsman on the Department's website and in the Consolidated Transportation Program.

SB526 will provide reliable constituent service to our citizens, I respectfully request a favorable report for SB526.