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Testimony SB 843 – I-495 and I-270 Public-Private Partnership - Partnership Agreement -Requirements (Maryland Department of Transportation Promises Act of 2021) Budget & Taxation February 24, 2021 Support

AFSCME supports SB 843. This legislation codifies various agreements and concessions that have been made as the I-495 / I-270 P3 project has wound its way through a cumbersome, and at times opaque, process.

AFSCME is not supportive of the proposed P3 project, as we oppose any privatization of state services that are unproven to provide improved quality and cost over the long run. However, AFSCME wants to ensure as much transparency and clarity as possible in these types of government projects. If this project does go through, we would want these accountability measures in place.

We ask a favorable reporting of SB 843.

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