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Testimony on SB 843
Maryland Department of Transportation Promises Act of 2021
Budget and Taxation Committee

Position: Favorable

Sally and Richard Stolz Support SB 843

During the three years since Governor Hogan announced the P3 proposal to add toll lanes to I-270 and I-495, many promises were made by MDOT. Those promises were bargaining chips to get certain approvals from the Board of Public Works. They also were used to gain favor for the project with Maryland citizens. Because MDOT has a history of not keeping some of its promises, this bill will ensure that they do keep the significant promises that were made to move this P3 project forward.

This bill will not stop the toll roads from being built, but at least it will ensure promises such as buses and other transit will be able to use the toll lanes for free and earmarking 10% of toll revenue after construction costs for a special fund to be used for transit projects.

We strongly encourage a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Sally and Richard Stolz