



# Montgomery County

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**HB 886**

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**SPONSOR: Delegate J. Lewis**

**ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation**

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**POSITION: SUPPORT (Montgomery County Department of Transportation)**

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### **Public Safety – Elevator Inspections – Transit Compact Authority**

House Bill 886 would establish a narrow application of State elevator inspection laws to no longer apply to elevators in buildings owned, operated, or controlled by a transit compact authority overseen by a State Safety Oversight agency.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), known as Metrorail, is a tri-jurisdictional government agency that operates transit services in the Washington metropolitan region. WMATA has its own elevator inspectors, in addition to having oversight by the Metro Safety Commission. The added layer of Maryland's elevator inspection laws, therefore, only results in creating unnecessary oversight redundancies that can lead to operational delays and inefficiencies in getting elevators approved for use.

Metrorail provides the backbone of Montgomery County's transit system serving (pre-pandemic) more than 130,000 riders in the County. The County's Department of Transportation supports HB 886 and would urge the Committee to adopt a favorable report.