



BILL: HB0485

BILL TITLE: Public-Private Partnerships - Process and Oversight

BILL SPONSOR: Delegate Solomon

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: FAVORABLE

HEARING DATE: February 9, 2021

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0485

Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland

Chair Barve, Vice-Chair Stein, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee-

Represent Maryland, an all-volunteer, grassroots, pro-democracy group with members and supporters across the state, believes that the Public portion of a public-private partnership is being taken advantage of for personal gain and private profit. Too often, P3s are full of self-dealing and are corrupt.

Public-Private Partnerships are meant to be mutually beneficial between a private entity and the public, and should take some of the burden of managing society off of local and state government. But often they are warped into agreements that help a few while harming many.

The legislative branch, the branch of government elected by the people, should have a lot more say into which P3s are created. This bill, which will create a commission made up of four members of the legislature and three executive appointees, will help ensure that the interests of the average people of Maryland are considered before our government enters us into more P3 agreements in the future. Please find HB0485 favorable.

Sincerely,
Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland
Maryland Voter-LD07