



TESTIMONY FOR SB0242
Transportation – I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study

Bill Sponsor: Senator Young

Committee: Appropriations

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0242 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

We feel that this study should have been completed BEFORE any decisions were made about widening I-270. It seems that the state went ahead with the first idea that they thought of, which turns out to be the most disruptive, least environmentally sound and most expensive option.

Before we go ahead and throw money at widening roads (and yes, it will cost US money regardless of how often Governor Hogan tells us that Mexico will pay for it), we should do something smart and look at other alternatives.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.