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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 184

Bill Title: Maryland Transit Administration – Reduced Fare Program for Opioid Treatment Program Patients – Program Requirements

Hearing Date: January 27, 2021 – Finance Committee

Chair: The Honorable Delores Kelly; Vice Chair: The Honorable Brian Feldman

I write to you today in **support** of Senate Bill 184. Opioid Treatment Programs work diligently with their consumers to build productive and healthy lives. Recognizing this the Transportation Article, Section 7-712, of the Annotated Code was enacted, which charged the Maryland Transit Administration with providing opioid treatment program with monthly passes for their patients. A concern, however, was how do we hold treatment centers accountable while ensuring that their clients are receiving the best care.

The purpose of this bill is to alter the application of the Maryland Transit Administration's reduced fare program for opioid treatment program patients by prohibiting participation of a program centers which have been sanctioned or have had their licenses suspended or revoked.

If enacted, this bill would take effect on October 1, 2021. By December 1, 2021, the Administration, in consultation with opioid treatment programs shall provide a report to the Governor and General Assembly on the status of implementation.

In efforts to ensure that opioid treatment centers are providing the best quality of care to their patients and best quality of service to our communities, we hope that you will move for a **favorable** report of Senate Bill 184.

Respectfully,

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Cory V. McCray
State Senator