

Appropriations Committee of the House

Testimony on: HB0778: *Transportation Investment Program - MARC Rail Service (Maryland Regional Rail Transportation Act)*

Submitting: Susan Barnett

Position: Favorable

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To the Honorable Chair and all members of the House Appropriations Committee:

I am writing in favor of HB0778. I support investment to enhance certain rail lines such as the Maryland Area Regional Commuter rail service. The MARC Express service that has been proposed and is described as the “gateway” to Charm City and as a “30-Minute Express Train...Between Union Station and the West Baltimore MARC station (with one stop at BWI), would make West Baltimore one of the most accessible neighborhood clusters in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.” For more information: <https://westbaltimoreproject.org>. Investment in this type of public transit would transform the ability to commute between Baltimore and Washington, DC in an efficient timeframe and would be highly affordable (\$10.00), equitable and accessible to all socio-economic levels.

Thank you for your favorable report on this needed and important bill.

Sincerely,

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