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In Support of HB 141: Equity in Transportation – Individuals with Disabilities

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates Environment and Transportation Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1300 members and fully support revising the state's transportation system that includes increased access for individuals from underserved communities and for individuals living with disabilities across the state.

We do a variety of activities. Just like everyone else. We grocery shop, take the kids to school, attend meetings, visit the doctor and vote just a list a few activities. Many of us are reliant upon the offerings of the public trans system. Our errands and daily tasks a lot of planning and time to get around a city like Baltimore or Annapolis.

We have a lot to offer our communities and should be granted better access to transportation options to aid us in our daily travels. It's a question of equity and one of equality for all of Maryland's citizens, not just those that are able bodied.

I trust that many of you were able to access and to read my testimony today without difficult. Maybe a small accommodation like set of eye glasses, is all that you require to gain full access to these materials. Many within our community require more to access to their community by improved transportation system options which are more inclusive of all of Maryland's citizens and to help us gain access to our communities.

Please support House Bill 141 and help to bring equity and equality to transportation for everyone. Thank you for your time, equitably accessing our testimony, and for considering our testimony today.

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