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Senate Finance Committee

SUPPORT Senate Bill 23 – Equity in Transportation

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 23. Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct needs assessments of their communities. A constant refrain from our vulnerable residents in low income disproportionately African American neighborhoods is that access to transportation is one of their top challenges.

The State of Maryland's transportation system should provide safe, accessible and affordable mobility choices. This means mobility choices for those without a car which includes safe walking and biking routes to transit, employment, education, healthcare, food, recreation and other key destinations.

We urge you to support SB23 to make Maryland transportation more equitable, safer, accessible and affordable.

Sincerely,

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