



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 0341

FAVORABLE

**Transportation - Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs and
Transportation Improvement Programs - Equity Impacts**

**TO: Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair. Delegate Mark S. Chang, Vice-Chair, and
members of the House Appropriations Committee**

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The Episcopal Church at large and the Diocese of Maryland in particular has embraced the concept of reparations, a concept not limited to financial considerations but to a leveling of the playing field across a broad spectrum of issues, including achieving equity in quality-of-life issues, such as transportation.

HB 341 will take important steps to rectify well-entrenched transportation policies that have resulted in unfairly and disproportionately affecting communities of color. Rectifying such inequities is long overdue. Equity in transportation is sorely needed. It is a critical aspect of being able to get to employment, day care, medical care, etc. Without access to accessible transportation, one suffers serious disruption daily merely in trying to accomplish necessary everyday needs.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a favorable report on HB 341.