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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 217

Bill Title: Transit – Commuter Bus Service - Procurement Hearing Date: February 1, 2023, Budget and Taxation Committee

Greetings, Chair, Guzzone, Vice-chair Rosapepe, and all members of the budget and taxation committee.

Today, I seek your support in approving Senate Bill 217. Senate Bill 217 will require the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) service to use competitive sealed proposal methods of procurement. MTA will conduct the procurement in accordance with the requirements under division ll of the state finance and procurement article.

Senate Bill 217 ensures that there is a uniform process for our Commuter Bus Contracted which aligns with how we conduct procurement with other State of Maryland opportunities. Senate

Bill 217 will ensure that all participants provide safe and high-functioning services for Maryland Taxpayers. Passing this bill assures the Maryland Transit Administration of the responsibility of guaranteed excellence to riders across the State of Maryland. Senate Bill 217 will be applied prospectively so that it doesn't impact prior contracts before July 1, 2023. By providing this testimony, I am hopeful that you will support Senate Bill 217.

Respectfully,

Cory V. McCray State Senator