



Bill: Senate Bill 511: Health and Human Services Transportation Improvement Act of 2023

Position: Favorable with Amendments

Dear Chair Griffith, Vice-Chair Klausmeier, and Members of the Committee:

The Transportation Association of Maryland is a 501(c)(3) organization representing 104+ member organizations consisting of locally operated transit agencies (LOTS), non-profit transit providers, transportation vendor and transportation supporters with 20,000+ individual members. TAM is the legislative voice and vigilant eyes and ears of the transportation industry in Maryland. TAM's mission is to strengthen community transportation in Maryland through advocacy and professional development.

The need for effective coordination between transit providers, hospitals is a long-overdue and much needed part of the solution of provided non-emergency medical transportation. Missed appointments often lead of hospital visits and increased readmission rates. As exemplified in the Wheels to Wellness program in southern Maryland, effective coordination causes lower overall costs and better health outcomes

We recommend the following change to this legislation: public transit agencies should be specifically allowed to participate in this program, as they often possess capacity to participate in ways that non-profits do not.

These changes will permit more effective use of funds and enhance ongoing efforts to promote coordination between transit agencies, non-profits, and medical providers.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Duklewski at 410-553-4245 or jduklewski@taminc.org.

Sincerely,

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