

1 February 2023

Finance Committee

Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Vote YES on Senate Bill 19

Delegates of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I support the Equity in Transportation Sector Bill because decisions in the transportation sector have been made for too long without the consultation of, and often in spite of, communities that have been disadvantaged or are disempowered. These decisions, from the highway to nowhere in Baltimore, to service cuts along critical mass transit lines, have shouldered the impacts of transportation problems on communities that deserve the most assistance from our elected officials.

Growing up in a family with access to motor vehicles, I took it for granted how easy and important it is to get from point A to point B. It is easy to inculcate ourselves in that mentality, and overlook the difficulties of others, when we are not forced to stop and bring their voices to the table. I encourage a Yes vote on Bill 19 so that our leaders can incorporate critically needed concepts of equity to future transportation policies.

Sincerely,

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