

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Madam Chair Griffith and Madam Vice Chair Klausmeier, members of the Finance committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 915 - Railroad Company – Movement of Freight – Required Crew**. I will now ask that my witness panel come join me.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit a train or light engine used in the movement of freight in the same rail corridor as a high-speed passenger or commuter train from being operated in the State unless it has at least two crew members; and establishing a penalty for a first offense of a \$500 fine and for subsequent offenses within a 3-year period, a fine of \$1,000 for each offense.

(Closing)

Thank you to Madam Chair and Madam Vice Chair for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 915 and I ask for your favorable report.**