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SUPPORT for the Maryland Toll Rate Reform Act

HB 1070

The Action Committee for Transit (ACT) supports the Maryland Toll Rate Reform Act of 2024 (HB 1070). For decades, there have been few modes of transportation which have been able to externalize the costs of their operation to such a degree as the car. HB 1070 takes important steps to begin to internalize the costs that driving incurs on society by instituting tolls at MTA facilities.

Further, as decades of road widening and car-centric planning have failed to mitigate traffic and congestion, HB 1070's emphasis that funds must be used to provide "alternative transportation options for commuters and cargo" represents what we hope is a reversal of this trend.

Finally, HB 1070's requirement that toll rates be set to maximize revenues in line with real market forces, while still taking equity into account, presents a promising source of funding at a time when our state is in dire need of funding for transportation.

For those reasons, ACT wholeheartedly supports the Maryland Toll Rate Reform ACT of 2024. We urge you to vote yes on this legislation, HB 1070.

Sincerely,

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