



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>House Environment and Transportation Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>House Bill 1199</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Transportation - MobilityLink Paratransit Service Improvements - Study</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>February 29, 2024</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support</b>

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 1199 - Transportation - MobilityLink Paratransit Service Improvements – Study*. The bill requires the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study to identify methods to improve the Maryland Transit Administration’s ADA MobilityLink paratransit service.

Occupational therapists support an improved transit system. This is because accessible transportation plays a crucial role in promoting independence, mobility, and overall well-being for people with disabilities. A reliable and inclusive transit system allows individuals to access essential services, such as healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. It also enables them to engage in social activities and participate in their communities. Occupational therapists understand the barriers that individuals with disabilities face when using public transportation, such as inaccessible infrastructure and limited assistance. We support the development of an improved transit system that addresses these challenges and ensures equal access for all individuals, regardless of their abilities.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Michael Paddy at [mpaddy@policypartners.net](mailto:mpaddy@policypartners.net).