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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Vote Yes to SB 70

Title: Change in Bus Service – Impacts Report
Finance Committee
Hearing: January 31, 2024

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to request your favorable vote on **Senate Bill 70**, a key piece of legislation that will require the Maryland Transit Administration to create a report on the effects of any proposed bus route reduction and/or cancellation. The report must be published on their website before a public hearing, distributed to relevant officials, and it must address the planned changes being made to the bus routes.

The purpose of **SB70** is to help the Maryland Transit Administration give people information in advance so that they can make informed alterations to their travel plans if need be. By publishing the report on the agency's website before a public hearing, the people will have increased accessibility to this important information, enabling community members to review and understand the proposed alterations. The purpose of distributing the report to relevant officials is to further ensure that decision-makers have a thorough understanding of the potential effects, creating a more informed dialogue during the decision-making process.

Significance and Impact: The significance of **SB70** is to create transparency between the people of Maryland and the Maryland Transit Administration. This approach alleviates many problems that the people of Maryland have to worry about daily. This bill strengthens accountability surrounding the Maryland Transit Administration, and fosters community engagement that contributes to a more informed and responsible management of state bus routes.

Important Considerations: A bus report must include information on the bus route or line, including a description of (1) the demographics of the riders on the route and the service area; (2) the schools in the service area; (3) the types of businesses in the service area; (4) the monthly ridership on the bus SB 70/ Page 2 route or line; and (5) the effect the service reduction or cancellation would have on the commutes of riders on the bus route or line; a description of the contents of any minutes, records, or documents related to the service reduction or cancellation; and a brief statement explaining the reason for the service reduction or cancellation.

This bill will not require a decrease in the General fund revenues.

This bill prioritizes Maryland citizens and their well-being which is why I would like to urge a favorable report for **Senate Bill 70**.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke.

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