



COMMISSION ON AGING, RESOURCES AND EMPOWERMENT

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SB0891

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TO: Members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: James Campbell, Co-Chair
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Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources and Empowerment

RE: Senate Bill 891 – Transportation - MobilityLink Paratransit Service
Improvements - Study

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources and Empowerment (CARE) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 891. SB 891 requires the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study to generate recommendations for improving the Maryland Transit Administration's ADA MobilityLink paratransit service.

Members of CARE are appointed by the Mayor and City Council to advise the City on issues of concern to older Baltimore City residents. In 2023, CARE conducted a series of listening sessions in Baltimore City to allow older City residents a forum to voice their concerns about services and resources. At each of these sessions, participants stated how important the MTA Mobility program was to them, but raised questions about efficiency, customer service, and access to the program. CARE believes that the study required by SB 891 will help address these concerns and lay the groundwork for a more robust paratransit service.

For these reasons, the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources and Empowerment respectfully request a **favorable** report on SB 891.
