## Favorable SB796: Maryland Disability Service Animal Program – Established

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My name is Danielle McCann. I have had my guide dog, Cammie, for just over one year. In total, I have had five dogs.

I have had many opportunities with my guide dogs. For instance, I earned a bachelor's degree. I've traveled and worked across the country in my jobs as Marketing Coordinator, Customer Service Operations Manager, and Membership Building Coordinator. I have participated in tons of community events such as being part of the social media team for Fiesta de la Flor, a popular event in Corpus Christi, Texas, which honors the late singer, Selena. I also have been teaching crochet classes and volunteering at the Baltimore Running Festival. Most of all, I can travel independently and with confidence because I have a guide dog.

Please give other blind people the opportunity to gain confidence and freedom of movement. Vote in favor of SB796.