

**HB0450 - Maryland Transit Administration - Disability Reduced Fare Program - Renewal for Permanently Disabled Individuals**

**House Appropriations Committee**

**Position: Favorable**

Dear Honorable Ben Barnes, Chair and Mark Chang, Co-Chair and Committee Members:

Please vote in favor of **HB0450**. Currently people with permanent disabilities such as IDD have to renew their Disability Reduced Fair Program authorization frequently which requires new medical evaluations for a condition that is unlikely to change to the point that they would be disenrolled. This bill would make it so people would not have to continually go through this process which medical professionals consider to be permanent.

My adult son with disabilities has participated in this process. Individuals in his medical group question why we are returning since there has been no change in his diagnosis of visual impairment and IDD. I feel that they believe that it is an unnecessary task and not a good use of their time and resources.

Please vote in favor of **HB0450**.

Sincerely,

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