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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Vote YES on Senate Bill 20

Bill Title: Local Transit Sustainability Act
Committee: Budget and Taxation
Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Dear Chair and members of the committee:

I am writing to you today in support of **Senate Bill 20**. This bill aims to establish mandatory funding, with an inflation adjustment, for the Locally Operated Transit System. By doing so, it ensures that transit systems can maintain their service levels even as costs rise over time. Currently, transit funding does not adjust for inflation. This leaves local systems with difficult choices: cutting services or increasing fares when faced with rising costs.

Senate Bill 20 addresses this by establishing a baseline funding of at least \$80.5 million from the Transportation Trust Fund to local transit systems, providing a stable funding foundation. Annual funding increases will reflect inflation with a reasonable cap of 5-percent to ensure sustainability. The bill protects transit funding during tough times. Under SB 20, if the economy hits a period where costs aren't rising or are actually falling, the funding won't drop - it'll stay steady until costs start rising again.

Senate Bill 20 isn't just about expanding transit - it's about preserving the service we have. When fuel costs rise, when parts get more expensive, and when labor costs increase, this bill ensures our funding keeps pace within reasonable limits.

For the thousands of Marylanders who rely on buses and transit to get to work, medical appointments, and essential services, Senate Bill 20 provides stability and predictability in their daily transportation needs.

I respectfully urge the committee to support **Senate Bill 20** to protect and sustain Maryland's vital transit systems.

Respectfully,

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Cory V. McCray
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