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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0450 - FAVORABLE

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

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support with its amendments of cross over bill HB0450, **Maryland Transit Administration - Disability Reduced Fare Program - Renewal for Permanently Disabled Individuals**

The House version of bill HB0450 passed 138-1 on 03/17/25. There is no cross-filed bill.

To qualify for the disability reduced fare program “The applicant must, by reason of illness, injury, congenital malfunction, or other disability, which is expected to last 90 days or longer, be unable to utilize mass transit as effectively as others.”¹

This bill makes common sense, a person with a permanent disability should not have to renew their disability program qualifications due to that permanent nature of that disability. The bill would require the Maryland Transit Administration to automatically renew the Disability Reduced Fare Program certification of an enrollee who is permanently disabled.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on cross over bill HB#0450 and bring it to a vote in the Senate.

¹ <https://onestop.md.gov/licenses/disability-reduced-fare-certification-program-5d1540bf54f24d03e9998776>