

Favorable HB 384: Maryland Disability Service Animal Program – Established

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My name is Danielle McCann. I am currently working my fifth guide dog, Cammie,. Working with my dogs has been one of my life's blessings. While the white cane is an obstacle finder, guide dogs are trained to be obstacle avoiders. As someone who has lived and worked in the Baltimore area for five years now, the feeling of weaving around obstacles on the narrow sidewalks is a feeling of freedom that I can't describe.

Please give more blind people in Maryland the opportunity to experience smooth travel and the chance to gain confidence and freedom of movement. Vote in favor of HB 384.