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SB 7 - Department of Transportation – Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response (See Someone, Save Someone Act) - Favorable w/ Amendments

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

We strongly support efforts to combat human trafficking. The forward facing role transit professionals have means that we see and interact with the riding public every day. Our only note on SB 7 is that it does not clarify that the mandatory training would occur while on paid time and on the clock. This is not an issue for MTA workers who have the protections of a collective bargaining agreement, but multiple MDOT transit contractors do not have unions and therefore have no guarantee that training required for their jobs are compensated.

To ensure that these trainings are given the proper attention and supervision that they deserve, we urge you to amend the bill to clarify that the required training should be conducted during paid work time, regardless of whether they are a contractor or state employee.