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To: House Appropriations Committee

The members of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland urge the House Appropriations Committee to give a favorable report to HB0386 – Metro Funding Modernization Act of 2026. requires the Governor to appropriate \$150,000,000 starting in fiscal year 2029 and continuing with a 3% increase every year thereafter. The bill also states that this amount will be spent only if Virginia and the District of Columbia follow the funding formula.

Public transportation is one of the greatest problems that blind people face. There is never enough public transportation. In the past, the transportation available has frequently been substandard. Having a bill requiring the funding of capital expenses will ensure the safety of trains and buses for the blind population and the general public.

For those reasons, we ask for a favorable report on HB0386. For questions, please contact me at [President@nfbmd.org](mailto:President@nfbmd.org) or at 443-426-4110.