

Committee: Budget and Taxation
Testimony on: HB437– Transportation – Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects and Impact Assessments (Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2026)
Submitting: Rhonda Kranz
Position: Favorable
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Dear Chair Guzzone and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing my written testimony in support of HB437, **Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2026**.

I have lived in Maryland for over 30 years and am concerned about how the state has addressed transportation issues. We need to address congestion, while providing citizens with affordable options, and meeting the State’s climate goals.

Transportation is the second largest expense for most Maryland households. HB437 will lower household costs and provide residents more transportation options. We know that retaining project level highway expansion is critical and must be done thoughtfully and with people in mind. The bill would take an important in addressing those few highway expansion projects that cost over \$100 million.

HB437 would avoid waste of scarce transportation dollars through a better project that moves the same number of people but reduces upfront construction and long-term highway maintenance costs. Give people more transportation choices. And Reduce congestion by diverting more vehicles off highways

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on HB437, the Transportation and Climate Alignment Act (TCA), with no weakening amendments.