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The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building Room 250
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 58 – Transportation – Paratransit Services – Interjurisdictional Routes – SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

Kaiser Permanente supports HB 58, "Transportation – Paratransit Services – Interjurisdictional Routes," and respectfully requests an amendment to include Kaiser Permanente among the major healthcare networks identified in the bill.

Kaiser Permanente is the largest private integrated health care delivery system in the United States, delivering health care to over 12 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia.¹ Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, which operates in Maryland, provides and coordinates complete health care services for over 775,000 members. In Maryland, we deliver care to approximately 425,000 members.

HB 58 seeks to enhance paratransit services for elderly and handicapped residents by mandating the establishment of interjurisdictional paratransit service routes that connect to major healthcare networks. By requiring counties to identify routes that cross county lines to reach these essential facilities, the bill addresses a critical barrier to care for vulnerable populations.

To ensure that the 425,000 Maryland residents who rely on Kaiser Permanente's integrated care model can benefit from these expanded transportation options, we request that Kaiser Permanente be explicitly added to the list of identified healthcare networks, which currently includes Adventist HealthCare, Johns Hopkins Medicine, LifeBridge Health, Luminis Health Maryland, MedStar Health, and the University of Maryland Medical System.

Fostering regional cooperation and expanding transportation options is vital for ensuring equitable access to medical facilities. Inclusion of Kaiser Permanente in this legislation will help ensure our members who rely on paratransit can access their providers across county lines. For these reasons, Kaiser Permanente urges a favorable report on House Bill 58 with the requested amendment.

¹ Kaiser Permanente comprises Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., the nation's largest not-for-profit health plan, and its health plan subsidiaries outside California and Hawaii; the not-for-profit Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, which operates 39 hospitals and over 650 other clinical facilities; and the Permanente Medical Groups, self-governed physician group practices that exclusively contract with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and its health plan subsidiaries to meet the health needs of Kaiser Permanente's members.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me at Allison.W.Taylor@kp.org or (919) 818-3285 with questions.

Sincerely,



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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 58
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, after line 33, on page 3, after line 27, and on page 5, after line 4 insert “**3. KAISER PERMANENTE;**”.

On page 3, in lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, strike “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, and “6.”, respectively, and substitute “**4.**”, “**5.**”, “**6.**”, and “**7.**”, respectively; on page, in lines 28 and 29, and on page 4, in lines 1 and 2, strike “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, and “6.”, respectively, and substitute “**4.**”, “**5.**”, “**6.**”, and “**7.**”, respectively; and on page 5, in lines 5, 6, 7, and 8, strike “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, and “6.”, respectively, and substitute “**4.**”, “**5.**”, “**6.**”, and “**7.**”, respectively.

On page 4, after line 20, insert “**(III) KAISER PERMANENTE;**”.

On page 4, in lines 21, 22, 23, and 24, strike “(iii)”, “(iv)”, “(v)”, and “(vi)”, respectively, and substitute “**(IV)**”, “**(V)**”, “**(VI)**”, and “**(VII)**”, respectively.

Rationale for Amendment As an integrated health care delivery system serving approximately 425,000 members in Maryland, Kaiser Permanente’s inclusion ensures that the bill’s mandate for interjurisdictional paratransit routes covers the facilities used by a significant portion of the state’s elderly and disabled population. This aligns Kaiser Permanente with the other major healthcare networks already identified in the bill, such as Johns Hopkins Medicine and MedStar Health.