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HB 1344
Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Study

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation
POSITION: Support

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **SUPPORT HB 1344 - Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Study**. HB1344 requires the Maryland Transit Administration to study locally operated transit systems ("LOTS") throughout the state of Maryland, to identify best practices for funding and performance, and deliver its report and recommendations by December 1, 2026.

The St. Mary's Transit Service ("STS") is a vital service to over 30,000 monthly riders, and which became fare-free in the past year. We support this study. Bringing a greater understanding and greater light to the critical importance of these services to county residents, and of the value of state funding and support for these services, is something the Commissioners of St. Mary's County fully support.

We respectfully request the committee report **FAVORABLE** on HB 1344. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

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