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The Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network (MSCAN) is a statewide coalition of advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based and mission-driven organizations that support policies that meet the housing, health, and quality of care needs of Maryland's low and moderate-income seniors.

MSCAN supports HB 58. This bill strengthens Maryland's paratransit system by requiring counties seeking State transportation funding to identify and establish needed interjurisdictional paratransit routes. This will help improve regional mobility for older adults and people with disabilities who depend on paratransit to travel beyond county lines.

Maryland's older adults have reported challenges accessing reliable, affordable transportation, particularly when appointments or services lie outside their home county. Current county-by-county service boundaries may leave riders without safe, practical options for cross-jurisdiction travel. HB 58 creates a coordinated planning framework to ensure that State transportation dollars support a more seamless, regional paratransit network.

Interjurisdictional coordination is especially critical in Maryland, where major hospital systems, specialty care, and community-based services often span multiple counties. Strengthening cross-county routes will reduce missed medical appointments, enhance access to social supports, and help ensure that geography is not a barrier to essential care. HB 58 moves Maryland toward a more equitable, reliable transportation system for those who need it most.

For these reasons MSCAN urges a favorable report.