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Dear Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

On behalf of the Transit Caucus, we are writing to express our endorsement of **SB 674/HB 916: Transportation – Regional Transportation Authorities**. As advocates for transportation-related legislation before the General Assembly, we believe this bill is essential to our mission of ensuring a more sustainable, efficient, and accessible transit system for all residents. We are confident that its passage will have a positive impact on our communities, economy, and environment.

The goal of SB 674/ HB 916 is to establish transportation authorities in the capital region, Baltimore region, and Southern Maryland. The bill confers to them the authority to levy certain taxes to develop and implement transportation projects in their respective regions.

SB 674/ HB 916 is needed to address shortfalls in the state transportation budget and make transportation funding and planning more accessible to localities. The bill requires a minimum portion of funding to be dedicated towards non-car transportation and would enable jurisdictions to more easily fund projects for pedestrian and bicycle travel as well as public transportation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this bill. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to working with you as we build a better Maryland transportation system for all.

Thank you,

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