

**TESTIMONY FOR SB0947**  
**Maryland Transit Administration Reform Act**

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0947. I am a Baltimore City resident of District 46, and am writing this testimony while waiting downtown for 30 minutes while waiting for the next rush hour bus between our downtown and one of our largest residential communities. If I were working outside rush hour hours, I could be waiting at my office for an hour between buses, with no other transportation options. The MTA administration is failing Baltimore and has been for all living memory.

This bill, if enacted, would reform the Maryland Transit Administration--which runs Baltimore-area transit as well as statewide commuter rail and commuter bus service--by creating two new boards to oversee their decision-making. The board would have the ability to oversee budgets, approve new initiatives and policies and have approval authority, supported by at least two-thirds of the members of the board, over any decision by the Department of Transportation or the Administration to withdraw a new starts capital investment grant or another federal grant for any Baltimore core transit service area project.

I strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.

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