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TESTIMONY ON SB#0947- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Maryland Transit Administration Reform Act

TO: Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Finance Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0947, **Maryland Transit Administration Reform Act**

This bill defines the “Baltimore Core Transit Service” as the administration’s Baltimore–area local bus; the administration’s Baltimore–area light rail; the administration’s Baltimore–area metro subway; and the administration’s Baltimore–area paratransit. It will locate this service in the Maryland Transit Administration along with a Commuter Services Advisory Board.

The Commuter Services Advisory Board consists of the following voting members, appointed by the governor:

- the secretary, or the secretary’s designee
- six members who reside in areas served by MARC or administration commuter buses
- one member who represents riders with accessibility challenges
- one member who is an employee of an administration commuter service contractor and is a member of a labor union that has a collective bargaining agreement with the commuter service contractor.

The governor shall designate the chair of the board, who shall serve as chair at the pleasure of the governor.

This bill will establish the Board of Directors for Baltimore Core Transit Service in the Maryland Transit Administration as a governing body with certain authority over the provision of Baltimore Core Transit Service; establishing the Commuter Services Advisory Board to provide certain oversight over and guidance for certain Administration commuter rail and bus services in the State; repealing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission as an advisory commission for transit in the Baltimore City region; etc.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0947.