



# FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## TRANSIT SERVICES DIVISION

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 0210 – Tax Credits – Employer-Provided Commuter Benefits  
- Expansion

Dear Chair Guzzone and Committee Members:

The purpose of this letter is to express our support of Senate Bill 0210, which would expand the available commuter benefits that an employer is able to claim as a business tax credit. The Bill adds carpooling as a form of Rideshare, as well as adds Telework, Active Transportation, and multimodal options for first and last mile benefits, all of which provides more benefits and flexibility to employers and commuters in Maryland. The addition of these commuter benefit options will continue to make Maryland a competitive state for business by helping businesses attract and retain talent, will continue to help reduce congestion, conserve energy, protect the environment, and improve the quality of life of all Marylanders.

While travel on Maryland's transportation system dropped to historic lows early in the pandemic, volumes have reached – and in some cases surpassed – pre-pandemic levels in 2021. In many cases, congestion levels are not back to pre-COVID-19 volumes mostly due to commuters traveling less and teleworking more consistently as many employers have continued to offer flexible work schedules. This Bill will support Maryland businesses by enabling them to continue to provide flexible commuter benefits. Furthermore, this Bill will support the continued reduction in congestion levels, making commuting easier, safer, cheaper, and more sustainable.

We respectfully request the Committee to carefully consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 210.

Respectfully submitted,

Transit Services of Frederick County

