

SENATE BILL 891

Senate Finance Committee

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SUPPORT

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I strongly support Senate Bill 891. This bill, which would require the state to conduct a study to identify methods to improve the Maryland Transit Administration's paratransit service is critically important.

I currently serve as a Commissioner on the Anne Arundel County Transportation Commission. Our Commission has formed a task force to address the transportation needs of the underserved population. I chair this task force, and at least one community partner has enlightened us about the problems the disability community faces when trying to rely on public transportation to get to work on time. I am not testifying on behalf of the Commission, but as a private citizen, I support this study and this legislation to identify needs and come up with more identifiable ways to better serve the disabled population.

Thank you for your time.