

GET MARYLAND MOVING

Testimony on HB 271 – Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery, Goals, and Performance Indicators Appropriations

Position: Favorable

Get Maryland Moving, a broad coalition of business and civic leaders, riders and citizens supports HB 271.

Job creation and access to reliable, affordable public transit go hand in hand. We must use our public transportation assets to enable more Maryland residents to get to and from their jobs and educational opportunities safely and efficiently. Good transit is good for business; employers and employees rely on it.

Fixing the ineffective farebox recovery mandate is a critical first step to ensure that more citizens of Maryland have access to employment centers through a safe, reliable, and connected transportation system. The undersigned are pleased to join as a broad coalition of regional employers, business and civic leaders, unions, and environmental groups to support a full repeal of the farebox recovery mandate to allow for a more efficient transit system in the Maryland Transit Administration's (MTA) service area.

The legislatively mandated farebox recovery rate is a counterproductive requirement that creates a strong disincentive for MTA to invest resources in improving service. It's time to repeal that mandate so that Marylanders will experience high quality service from our state's transit system.

We urge support for HB 271.

Get Maryland Moving is a new coalition of stakeholders that believe that stronger public transportation in the greater Baltimore region is necessary for strengthening our communities and our regional economy. Coalition co-chairs are Caroline Paff of Sagamore Development and Min. Glenn Smith of the Coppin Heights CDC and the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition. Other members include the undersigned.

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