



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND, INC.

## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

### SB 265 – WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP ACT

#### POSITION: SUPPORT

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The League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD) supports SB 265. The safety, health and longevity of Washington Metrorail greatly impact our state and region. Establishing a Metrorail Safety Commission among its three cooperating jurisdictions is both mandated and essential to a thriving system.

SB 265 clearly and transparently states how membership in this Commission is established. With the Governor appointing a member of the Commission who resides in either Prince George's County or Montgomery County, documented oversight is established. By further stipulating that the Commission member may not be succeeded by a resident of the same county provides an equanimity in distributing membership to the two jurisdictions.

We urge a favorable report on SB 337.