

Bill 87 (2020) Testimony

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To: Budget Committee,

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This is a simple solution and there are wiggle room to think things through. We are in a pandemic at this time, not only in the US as you already know the whole world is in it. After a year, we are slowly getting vaccinated however it is not a cure. There are all different variants to take into consideration. People are just getting back on their feet. Some can't even get food on the table less alone get their kids back into school at full capacity. Just figure out how you will get the rail up and the consumers back on their feet. Until then I oppose this bill.

Thank you,
Charmaine Birchard

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Attachment

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TESTIMONY

DATE: APRIL 21, 2021

FOR: BILL 87

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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21APR21 AM 8:56 CITY CLERK

TO: BUDGET CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBER

BILL 87 SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL EXTREMELY LOW INCOME IS CONSIDERED FOR PARATRANSIT RIDERS UNDER THE POVERTY LEVEL. EVEN A RAISE OF \$.25 AFFECTS THEIR ABILITY TO LIVE.

DCAB (DISABILITY & COMMUNICATIONS ACCESS BOARD CONCURS REGARDING ELI FOR PARATRANSIT. PLEASE DEFER THIS BILL UNTIL YOU SEE COPIES OF RATE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

Thank you
BARBRA ARMENTROUT

extremely low incomes. I brought it up at our Rate Commission meeting that there is an omission because this should include Paratransit Riders with extremely low incomes also. And it should not be limited to only 2000 riders since there are more extremely low income riders than that.

The Rate Commission had so many disabled Paratransit riders who had extremely low incomes according to the Poverty level of the united States and that even an increase of \$.25 for each way on the ParaTransit is a hardship to riders who live on SSI. They should not be excluded and they have testified for months at Rate Commission meetings. The inability to afford a ParaTransit Ride limits them to not being able to afford a ride to the grocey store, church, pharmacy etc. ~~THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED SOME DISCOUNT ON THEIR PARATRANSIT RIDES WHEN A LOT OF AGENCIES SHOULD BE PAYING MORE FOR THEIR CLIENTS TO USE THE PARATRANSIT SYSTEM.~~

I WILL BE TESTIFYING AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING BEFORE THIS BILL IS HEARD THE THIRD TIME.

~~IT HAS BEEN VERY HARD TO TESTIFY WITH COVID-19 AND A LOT OF EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RIDERS DO NOT FEEL THEY ARE HEARD WHEN THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE BEEN TESTIFYING FOR OVER A YEAR AT RATE COMMISSION MEETINGS.~~ THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Debra Jumentout
PH 808-450-8838 Rate Commission
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