

TESTIMONY FOR CHANGES TO THE BALTIMORE CITY PARKING AUTHORITY APPLICATION FOR RESERVED RESIDENTIAL PARKING SIGNAGE

My name is Patricia Mack and I am 74 years of age, and have lived At 36 Upmanor Road, Baltimore Maryland, 21229 since my mother moved me and my five siblings to this address.

I began applying for my Reserved Residential Disability Parking Signage as a reasonable accommodation in 2018, and have been required to reapply yearly for continued use with verification from my doctors who have tested me and provide medication for treatment of my disability conditions.

My doctors require a \$50 charge to complete my forms and also the forms have to be notarized.

My sister lives in Baltimore County and was only required to have her disability verified by her doctor once on the MVA form once to have her disability signage installed and is required to notify MVA once she moves or her condition has changed.

Under the Maryland law for Reasonable Accommodation their policy stresses allowance for “Undue Hardship” which reduces the delay in Citizens getting the services in a timely period of time without having resident continuously having the doctor fill out the same form for the same condition that has not changed.

Also, neighborhoods have changed and owners have moved where residents don’t feel comfortable in asking a person who may be renting, to sign a form to give approval for you getting the requested

signage.

Keep in mind if you do have a disability that requires you to climb steps to get a neighbor to sign a requested form can cause harm to a person who needs this service.

There are nine members on the Mayors Committee on Disability. How many of them are or have been faced with the challenge that residents have to go through to get the Reasonable Accommodation they are entitled to by Federal Law under the American Disability Act.

I hope that Baltimore City will take in consideration of applying the Maryland policy of “undue hardship” for its citizens.

Thank you for all assistance provided in this matter.