



**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY BOARD FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY**

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The Honorable William C. Ferguson IV
President
Senate of Maryland
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The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
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Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

On behalf of the Governor's Advisory Board for Telecommunications Relay (GABTR or The Board), I am pleased to submit the annual report for the 2022 calendar year, pursuant to Human Services Article § 7-803(d) and in accordance with State Government Article § 2-1257 .

The Board met four times in 2022, receiving reports from Telecommunications Access of Maryland ("TAM") staff, representatives from the Maryland Relay service provider, Hamilton, and outside presenters.

The Maryland Accessible Technology ("MAT") program completed its first year operating the DeafBlind Communication Facilitator ("CF") program, providing DeafBlind Marylanders with specially trained communication facilitators to facilitate access to telecommunications relay services. The program covered a total of 63 assignments in 2022. The MAT team also expanded with the hire of a full time MAT Specialist and 3 contractors to support client evaluations and equipment installations.

Sincerely,

Alfred Sonnenstrahl

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GABTR Chair