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MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

OPPOSE

Re: **SENATE BILL 844 – VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIERS –
SAFETY, MAINTENANCE, AND INSURANCE INFORMATION (JAMES’S LAW)**

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials.

SB 844 would require commercial motor vehicle employers to provide specified documentation to prospective employees as well as a requirement for regular updates to contracts between employers and subcontractors. This legislation would place an enormous burden on every one of our members that employs and seeks to employ CDL drivers by requiring them to provide copies of all safety records and access to up-to-date service and maintenance records to prospective employees. The bill does not explain what access means – is it paper copies or electronic access? Furthermore, the bill does not define what a prospective employee is. Is it someone that applies for a position with the employer, someone who comes in to interview, or someone who an offer for employment is extended to? This bill is too vague to know to whom it would apply.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we respectfully urge an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 844.

Thank you,

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