# Maryland Motor Truck Association

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**HEARING DATE**:      February 21, 2020

**BILL NO/TITLE:**      House Bill 1049:  Criminal Law - Package Theft

**COMMITTEE:**      House Judiciary Committee

**POSITION:**      **Support**

Purpose:  HB 1049 would add a new offense with felony penalties for those that commit package delivery theft.

With the rise of e-commerce, package deliveries to individual homes continue to rise.  There is a growing expectation of extraordinary timeliness with delivery.  For example, Amazon is now offering same day deliveries in certain markets.  While most shipments are delivered to consumers without a problem, this increase in shipments lends itself to criminal opportunities for those who would commit theft.

To address these concerns, the major package delivery companies have established systems that enable recipients to identify delivery location preferences, request a delivery signature, reroute a shipment, hold a shipment for pickup, and/or provide other instructions.  They also provide driver training to identify potential theft.  However, package delivery trucks are frequently targeted by thieves who see opportunities to quickly steal a package after it has been dropped off by the delivery driver.

The passage of HB 1049 will send a message that this package delivery theft will not be tolerated.  MMTA supports these efforts to combat this criminal behavior and help insure customers rightfully receive their goods.  As such, we respectfully ask for a favorable report.

**About Maryland Motor Truck Association:**  Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935.  In service to its 1,000+ members, MMTA is committed to supporting and advocating for a safe, efficient and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile or type of operation.

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