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Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 782 – UNFAVORABLE – Motor Fuel Tax Rates – Consumer Price Index Adjustment  
– Suspension by Board of Public Works**

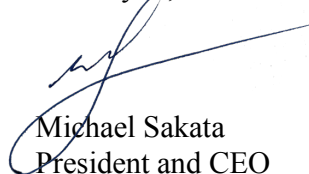
Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

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. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

Senate Bill 782 would authorize the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase in the motor fuel tax rates under certain circumstances. MTBMA opposes SB 782 because the provision in the Maryland Code tethering the state gas tax to the rate of inflation is essential to the State’s efforts to keep pace with the ever-increasing costs to maintain our roadways and bridges in a state of good repair. Since its enactment, this inflationary provision has generated an additional \$15- 20 million annually for the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) over the prior year. Realizing consistent revenue increases for the TTF is integral to maintaining the spending power of the Maryland Department of Transportation’s (MDOT’s) capital program, as any decrease in TTF revenues would jeopardize MDOT’s capacity to issue Consolidated Transportation Bonds that depend on those revenues. The needs of our State are critical, and we cannot afford to impose more constraints on a region that is already struggling with massive deficiencies in its transportation infrastructure network.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **UNFAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 782.

Thank you,



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President and CEO

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