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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 472 – State Government – Permits, Licenses, and Certificates – Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024)

Dear Chair Feldman and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports Senate Bill 472 and offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

Senate Bill 472 proposes to improve predictability for entities that want to invest in the State. MDOT is always seeking ways to be a better partner to those that we conduct business with and partner with on our projects and initiatives. By creating a catalog of MDOT's licenses and permits that we issue, as well as identifying processing timelines, we will create a transparent working environment for businesses that want to participate and pursue opportunities with MDOT.

Additionally, MDOT looks forward to working with the Government Efficiency Commission to identify inefficiencies and chart a path forward to make our State more inclusive and reliable for those that want to partner and grow their business in the State.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee grant Senate Bill 472 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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