

February 20, 2024

Hon. Marc Korman Chair, House Environment & Transportation Committee 251 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401 Hon. Regina Boyce Vice-Chair, House Environment & Transportation Committee 251 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 913 - Motor Vehicles - Registration - Annual Surcharge

Support

Dear Chair Korman:

I am writing to express the American Council of Engineering Companies/MD's (ACEC/MD) support for the proposal to charge Maryland motor vehicle owners an annual surcharge per vehicle requiring the proceeds collected from the surcharge to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

As advocates for sustainable infrastructure development and responsible transportation funding, we believe this measure is crucial for the long-term vitality of our transportation systems and environmental sustainability. With the projected shortfall in transportation funding over the coming years, it's imperative that we develop additional funding sources to ensure the safety and reliability of Maryland's transportation sectors. This bill helps provide a necessary influx of funding to the TTF, allowing for essential maintenance and development projects to proceed without undue financial strain.

Respectfully yours,

Chad Faison

Executive Director, ACEC/MD