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MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS  
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair  
Appropriations Committee  
251 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**OPPOSE**

Re: **HOUSE BILL 368 – MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FUNDING  
(TRANSIT SAFETY AND INVESTMENT ACT)**

Dear Chairman McIntosh 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.

HB 386 would require the Governor to mandate appropriations each year from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Maryland Transit Administration. We strongly believe in the Governor’s power to choose when and where funds should be allocated in regards to the transportation industry. Giving the Governor the discretionary power to distribute funds will allow more flexibility and support to needed projects like road repair. Mandating funds, and increasing the amount of mandated funds, may take away from impactful developments that would positively effect the greater good of Maryland.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 386.

Thank you,

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