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Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

OPPOSE

Re: **SENATE BILL 424 – MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FUNDING
(TRANSIT SAFETY AND INVESTMENT ACT)**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Maryland Asphalt Association is comprised of 18 producer members representing more than 47 production facilities, 21 contractor members, 24 consulting engineer firms and 39 other associate members. We proactively work with regulatory agencies to represent the interests of the asphalt industry both in the writing and interpretation of state and federal regulations that may affect our members.

SB 424 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 Senate Bill 424.

Thank you,

Marshall Klinefelter
President
Maryland Asphalt Association