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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chairman
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OPPOSE

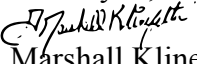
Re: **HOUSE BILL 84 – STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE – PERMIT REQUIREMENTS (NIGHTTIME CONSTRUCTION NOISE REDUCTION ACT)**

Dear Chairman Barve 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. We also advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland's multimodal transportation system.

HB 84 would prohibit SHA from issuing a permit for construction work on State highways between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless a zoning official determines it is in the interest of public safety, health or welfare. This bill is unnecessary and repetitive because nighttime construction restrictions already exist. It would severely delay paving projects if each project had to be reviewed by a zoning official, and the fiscal note speaks to the significant impact it would have on the cost of transportation projects. Should this bill pass, most projects would take place during the day, likely creating significant congestion for Marylanders, resulting in an increase of greenhouse gas generation, and most importantly, an increasing risk of injury and death to both commuters and workers.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 84.

Thank you,

Marshall Klinefelter
President
Maryland Asphalt Association