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MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS  
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chairman  
Environment and Transportation  
251 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**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 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 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 construction 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,



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President  
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association