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**TO:** ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS  
**RE:** H.B. 299- PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS  
REAL PROPERTY- ACQUISITION- PROHIBITION  
**POSITION:** OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes H.B. 299 which is before you today for consideration. The bill prohibits a state agency from acquiring any residential real property for a public-private partnership (P3) project that includes the addition of toll lanes to I-495 or I-270.

This project is still in the early stages and it is unknown how much, if any property will need to be acquired. The State needs the ability to effectively plan these long-term projects without the fear of the state and local governments attempting to dictate what they can and cannot do. Transportation planning should not be done by legislation. It is a complex and expensive proposition.

We understand the concerns that this bill attempts to address but believe the State needs the flexibility for sound transportation planning.

On behalf of the 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on H.B. 299.

Robert Zinsmeister, Director  
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