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MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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

OPPOSE

Re: **HOUSE BILL 292 – TOLL ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND BRIDGES – COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CONSENT REQUIREMENT – EXPANSION**

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 292 would expand the requirement that a State agency may not construct a toll road, highway, or bridge without the consent of the affected counties to now include all counties in Maryland, and Baltimore City, not just the nine Eastern Shore counties. The original law that created this consent requirement for the nine Eastern Shore counties was specifically designed for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. This bill, however, is designed to stop existing projects for toll roads and highways in suburban Washington. By requiring additional authorization and cooperation among various local jurisdictions, it will delay traffic alleviation efforts that will in turn significantly affect Maryland residents and commuters in a region desperately in need of traffic relief.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 292.

Thank you,

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