

RE: **Letter of Opposition -Transportation HB 748– Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program**

Dear Delegate Barve:

On behalf of the members of the American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD), I would like to express **opposition to HB 748 – Transportation – Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program.**

As you probably recall, ACEC/MD is a nonprofit association representing approximately 90 multi-sized consulting engineering firms located throughout the state serving the public as well as private sectors. Approximately 45% of the organization's member firms are certified MBE/WBE or SBE firms in the state of Maryland. Member firms employ approximately 7,000 employees, and are responsible for the design of most of the area's infrastructure, environmental and building construction. The organization focuses on the business aspects of the consulting engineering profession and is affiliated with the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), headquartered in Washington, D.C.

While well intended, this legislation would result in the General Assembly earmarking funding from the Transportation Trust Fund. MDOT currently has a very effective procedure in place that takes into account input from local jurisdiction and stakeholders, and both federal and state requirements.

We respectfully request an **unfavorable** vote on this legislation. Thank you very much for considering our opinion on this matter.

Respectfully,

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