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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 1220 – PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS – HIGHWAY AND  
BRIDGE TOLL FACILITIES – RATES (NO LEXUS LANE 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 1220 could significantly encumber the State traffic relief plan by prohibiting toll rates that exceed 10 cents per mile. By setting this limitation, this could potentially lead to underfunding of projects set forth by Public-Private Partnerships (P3), thus leading to project cancellations. Currently, P3 projects are funded by revenue generated by toll lanes. If there is a limitation on the amount of revenue collected, there is a potential that money will not be available to finance current and future projects. This will then lead to dependency on the State of Maryland for funding. The provision that states “with approval from the Board of Public Works, toll rates that exceed 10 per mile can be authorized,” is discretionary and inefficient. Approval processes will prolong the time of production and completion, leaving projects delayed and potentially abandoned.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 1220.

Thank you,

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