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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 1424 – PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS – PROCESS AND  
OVERSIGHT**

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 1424 would establish the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board that would review P3 pre-solicitation reports and make recommendations regarding the designation of a public infrastructure asset as a P3. This bill is entirely redundant and unnecessary. The State already has an oversight review board that reviews P3 projects called the Board of Public Works (“BPW”). In fact, the three members who make up the Board of Public Works – the Governor, the Treasurer, and the Comptroller – would be required members of this P3 Oversight Review Board. We cannot understand why such a board is needed when the BPW already reviews all of the tasks listed in this bill. Enacting such legislation would only further delay necessary transportation projects in our State and undermine the processes already in place.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we respectfully urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 1424.

Thank you,

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