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MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS  
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**OPPOSE**

Re: **SENATE BILL 285 – STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – HIGHWAY  
WORK PERMITS – PEDESTRIAN ACCESS (PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACT OF  
2020)**

Dear Chairwoman Kelley 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.

SB 285 would require workers within the construction and transportation industry to apply for an additional permit for business within two miles of any Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority rail service or transit station, or Maryland Transit Administration transit station. This requirement is unnecessary and will cause undue financial and performance hardship on organizations such as ours. During the permitting process, it is already standard practice for contractors to provide adequate pedestrian access in areas where construction or maintenance work is permitted. Passage of this bill would require contractors to essentially repeat this portion of the permitting process, doubling costs, which will affect project costs and potentially change the ability to execute build outs. Frivolous duplication of the permitting process will delay projects, which will prove a great disservice to Maryland commuters who have to work around construction sites longer than originally anticipated. For these reasons, we strongly believe this bill will have a significantly harmful impact to the State of Maryland.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we respectfully urge an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 285.

Thank you,

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