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TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS  
RE: S.B. 526- PRIVATE SECTOR TRANSPORTATION  
PROJECTS OMBUDSMAN- ESTABLISHED  
POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes S.B. 526 which is before you today for consideration. The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to designate an individual to serve as the Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman. The ombudsman would respond to all concerns, complaints and other inquiries regarding private sector transportation projects that are being developed or tested within the State.

We do not see the need for this personnel matter to be legislated into law. We are confident that the Secretary will pursue such an individual if he or she believes it will make the Department more responsive and engaged to the public.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report for S.B. 526.

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