



MTBMA
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
Health and Government Operations
251 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

OPPOSE

Re: **HOUSE BILL 125 – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – LAND ACQUISITION – REQUIREMENTS.**

Dear Chair Pendergrass 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 125 would prohibit the Board of Public Works from approving the acquisition of real property unless it provides a justification for the planned acquisition and a cost-benefit analysis of the planned acquisition to the Legislative Policy Committee who have 45 days to review the information. This bill will complicate the State’s efforts in acquiring property and we feel that it is a strategic attempt to slow down the Governor’s Public-Private Partnership program. There are already methods in place when the State seeks to acquire property, and this would add an unnecessary and burdensome step to this process.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 125.

Thank you,



Michael Sakata
President
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association