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Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair  
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**OPPOSE**

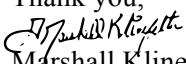
Re: **HOUSE BILL 125 – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – LAND ACQUISITION – REQUIREMENTS.**

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Asphalt Association is comprised of 18 producer members representing more than 47 production facilities, 21 contractor members, 24 consulting engineer firms and 39 other associate members. We proactively work with regulatory agencies to represent the interests of the asphalt industry both in the writing and interpretation of state and federal regulations that may affect our members. We also advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland's multimodal transportation system.

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,  
  
Marshall Klinefelter  
President  
Maryland Asphalt Association