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Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

OPPOSE

Re: **SENATE BILL 844 – VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIERS –
SAFETY, MAINTENANCE, AND INSURANCE INFORMATION (JAMES’S LAW)**

Dear Chairman Smith 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.

SB 844 would require commercial motor vehicle employers to provide specified documentation to prospective employees as well as a requirement for regular updates to contracts between employers and subcontractors. This legislation would place an enormous burden on every one of our members that employs and seeks to employ CDL drivers by requiring them to provide copies of all safety records and access to up-to-date service and maintenance records to prospective employees. The bill does not explain what access means – is it paper copies or electronic access? Furthermore, the bill does not define what a prospective employee is. Is it someone that applies for a position with the employer, someone who comes in to interview, or someone who an offer for employment is extended to? This bill is too vague to know to whom it would apply.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we respectfully urge an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 844.

Thank you,

Marshall Klinefelter
President
Maryland Asphalt Association