



MTBMA
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

January 29, 2020

Delegate Anne R. Kaiser, Chairman
Ways and Means
131 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

OPPOSE

Re: **HOUSE BILL 91 – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – QUALIFIED
MARYLAND TOLL EXPENSES**

Dear Chairman Kaiser 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.

We respectfully oppose HB 91, which would create a subtraction modification for specified Maryland E-ZPass users on their State income taxes. This would decrease general fund revenues by almost \$7 million per year. Maryland E-ZPass users already experience discounts of 25 percent or more at toll facilities. Governor Hogan changed this program to make it more accessible for drivers by offering these discounts for residents who have an E-ZPass. Our industry is struggling with a lack of funding for road projects, especially considering the ever-increasing number of drivers and the current state of our roads. This would have a negative impact and does not seem necessary given the discount E-ZPass users already receive.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 91.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata
President
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association