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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 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.

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,

Marshall Klinefelter  
President  
Maryland Asphalt Association