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MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee
241 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair
Appropriations Committee
121 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 1092 – UNFAVORABLE – State Procurement – Emergency and Expedited
Procurements – Revisions and Reporting**

Dear Chair Pendergrass, Chair McIntosh, 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.

The current emergency procurement process is thorough and efficient, making HB 1092 both redundant and unnecessary. This bill creates superfluous obstacles to an already tedious process. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many industries to decrease the efficiency in which they operate. This along with the economic crisis that has occurred as a result of this pandemic, makes this bill even more harmful to Marylanders. An emergency procurement is helpful for all citizens to get their needs addressed as soon as possible, so it would be counterintuitive to slow down this process further. We cannot afford any more delays in progress considering the circumstances in which we are living. While we believe the Sponsor’s intent was helpful in nature, in practice, this bill would have many negative unintended consequences. So, it is for these reasons that we ask for an UNFAVORABLE report on House Bill 1092.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata
President and CEO
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association