



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



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

FAVORABLE

January 25, 2021

**RE: HB 487-FAVORABLE- Education – School Construction – Pedestrian Safety Plans
(School Pedestrian Safety Act)**

Dear Chairman McIntosh and Members of the House Appropriations Committee:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) and the Maryland Asphalt Association (“MAA”) collectively represent tens of thousands of Marylanders who operate in the areas of transportation construction, production and engineering. Together, for nearly 100 years these organizations have served as the voice of the transportation construction industry. The mission of both MTBMA and MAA is to encourage, develop, and protect 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 proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry, and also advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

We fully support the efforts and considerations of HB 487. As an industry, we want to ensure all construction and transportation projects consider the safety of those to whom they impact. By ensuring Pedestrian Safety plans are created and reviewed prior to a school construction project beginning, we will continue to protect pedestrians from future harm. As an industry, we are committed and focused on the safety of our members and Maryland’s citizenry, and this piece of legislation is a continued step toward that commitment.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this bill and ask that you pass HB 487.

Sincerely,

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