

February 24th, 2021

Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 772 – FAVORABLE – Small Business COVID-19 Relief Act of 2021

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

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.

SB 772 would provide economic relief to so many businesses that are currently struggling to stay afloat during these trying times. In order to maintain a healthy network of small businesses in the State of Maryland, it is crucial that you pass this bill. The transportation industry is the lifeblood of our economy, but even we are struggling to keep up with the detrimental economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The needs of our members and industry are great, and this bill would help us address those needs in an efficient manner. We cannot stress enough the importance of this bill and the positive impact it would have on the citizens of Maryland. For these reasons, we urge you to support this legislation.

We thank you for your time and consideration and ask for a FAVORABLE report on Senate Bill 772.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata President and CEO

Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association