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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 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.

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,

Marshall Klinefelter
President
Maryland Asphalt Association