



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



Senator William C. Smith, Jr.
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

FAVORABLE

January 21, 2021

RE: SB 210-FAVORABLE- COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings 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 would like to share our strong support for SB210. As an industry, we have been working very hard to ensure the safety of our employees and members. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we will continue to abide by all of the rules and regulations that the State has put in place to protect our people. Our industry supports the initiatives that will help us safely get through this unprecedented time. However, sometimes the spread of this virus is inevitable, even when all of the guidelines are being properly followed. Because of this, we strongly urge you to pass SB 210. As we learn more about this virus and how it spreads, it would be unjust to hold companies liable for something outside of their knowledge or control. We will continue to listen to the experts and government officials on how to best protect our communities, and we ask that you help us in protecting our industry from liability claims by supporting this bill.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this bill and ask you to pass SB 210.

Sincerely,


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