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

RE: SB 881 – FAVORABLE – Income Tax – Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Maryland Asphalt Association is comprised of 18 producer members representing more than 48 production facilities, 20 contractor members, 24 consulting engineer firms and 40 other associate members. Combined our members employ more than 4,000 Marylanders in our operations. We assist with the education of our workforce, sponsor safety activities and promote best practices while working diligently to produce the highest performing pavement materials with the lowest carbon footprint. 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.

We strongly support SB 881 as it helps those who have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this pandemic, our industry has been forced to fight many uphill battles. The economic crisis has also negatively affected those who rely on our services. The money saved on this tax credit can go back to the people of Maryland by allowing us to focus on our most pressing issues. This includes improving our fractured infrastructure system and continuing to evolve with the ever-changing technology. We believe it is paramount to address the economic problems we are currently facing, and this bill does just that. We appreciate the thought and effort that the Sponsor put into this bill. For these reasons, we ask you for a FAVORABLE report on Senate Bill 881.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Marshall Klinefelter
President
Maryland Asphalt Association