



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



Delegate Dereck E. Davis, Chair  
Economic Matters Committee  
Rm 121, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**UNFAVORABLE**

January 25, 2021

**RE: HB 64 - UNFAVORABLE - Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Handwashing Facilities on Construction Sites**

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.

Although we recognize the benefits of the requirements of HB64, we cannot support this legislation. The safety of our members and their employees is of the utmost importance to our industry. We have made tremendous efforts over the past year to ensure the safest working conditions possible, while also adapting to the ever-changing Federal, State, and local requirements regarding workplace safety and COVID-19. The additional requirements proposed by this legislation would establish impractical standards for our members, ultimately requiring modifications to our businesses that we cannot afford at a time when we are suffering greatly as an industry.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this bill and ask for an **UNFAVORABLE** report on HB 64.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Sakata

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President, MAA