



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



Delegate Dereck E. Davis, Chair
Economic Matters Committee
Rm 231, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

UNFAVORABLE

January 26, 2021

RE: HB 124 - UNFAVORABLE- Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees – Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19

Dear Chairman Davis and Members of the House Economic Matters 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.

While we appreciate the foundations of HB 124, we strongly oppose this legislation. As an industry, our members have worked tirelessly to ensure and maintain compliance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations regarding COVID-19 and employee safety in the workplace. Workplace safety is of the utmost importance to our membership. However, the language proposed in this bill would require our members to expend even greater time, money, and resources at a time when we are already suffering tremendously. While we support all efforts to ensure safe working conditions for our employees, we cannot support these added burdensome requirements.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this bill and ask for an UNFAVORABLE report on HB 124.

Sincerely,


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