



**MTBMA**  
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS  
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 829 – UNFAVORABLE – Emergency and Expedited Procurements – Reform**

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials.

SB 829 would slow down the procurement process by implementing more steps that are seemingly counterintuitive, because the emergency procurement process is used for projects that must be done in an expedient fashion. This bill is onerous in its nature, creating more barriers to the process of developing new and innovative projects for the State of Maryland. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many projects and efforts have been delayed. We cannot afford any more delays and creating a more complicated emergency procurement process would subsequently cause this. The system that is currently in place is sufficient enough and does not require any change or reform. We believe that this kind of legislation will cause the needs of Marylanders to go unaddressed for too long, and it is for these reasons we ask for an UNFAVORABLE report on Senate Bill 829.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

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President and CEO  
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