



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



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

FAV W/AMD

January 15, 2021

**RE: SB 199-FAV W/AMD- Maryland Transit Administration- Funding (Transit Safety and Investment Act)**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Members of Senate Budget and Taxation 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 as an industry support the underlying premise of this bill and believe that funding Maryland’s transit system is critical for our State’s growth and development. However, should the Committee decide to act on this bill, we would suggest an amendment to SB 199 to provide for equal funding for the transportation construction industry and the maintenance of our roads, bridges, and highways in addition to those funds newly dedicated to Maryland’s transit infrastructure. We believe that a significant economic boost to both transit and our States our other modes of transportation will result in more positive outcomes for all of Maryland.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this bill and ask that if you pass SB 199 it is with the amendments we have advocated.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Sakata

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President, MAA