



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Rm 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair
Appropriations Committee
Rm 121, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 12, 2021

RE: HB 334 – UNFAVORABLE – Maryland Transit Administration – Conversion to Zero-Emission Buses (Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act)

Dear Chairs Barve and McIntosh and Committee Members from Environment and Transportation and Appropriations:

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.

As an industry, we are supportive of efforts to move the State towards reaching zero-emission and greenhouse gas goals, however we cannot support HB 334. At its core, this legislation is projected to impose a significant increase in expenditures from the Transportation Trust Fund (“TTF”), which raises significant concerns for our members as funds from the TTF are an essential factor in our ability to maintain and advance Maryland’s ever-expanding transportation network. At a time when Maryland has an indispensable need for a strong system of roadways and transit, we must ask where our priorities lie and act accordingly; and it is for these reasons we ask you for an **UNFAVORABLE** report on House Bill 334.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Sakata
President & CEO, MTBMA

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President, MAA