



# Maryland Motor Truck Association

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**HEARING DATE:** February 25, 2021

**BILL NO/TITLE:** **SB710 - State and Local Government and Private Employers - Teleworking**

**COMMITTEE:** Finance

**POSITION:** **Letter of Information**

As introduced, SB710 would have no impact on the commercial trucking industry; however, Maryland Motor Truck Association (MMTA) would like the Senate Finance Committee to be aware of amendments being considered in the House's cross-filed legislation (House Bill 73) that would change this bill into a mandate on certain employers to implement and maintain a teleworking policy. This is simply impossible in certain industries, like trucking.

The House's amendments specifically require employers with more than 50 employees to "implement and maintain a telework policy for its employees..."

Everyday Maryland's trucking industry delivers critical supplies such as food, water, medicine, fuel, and other necessities. Truck drivers, mechanics, dispatchers, and safety personnel are all essential in the safe and efficient delivery of the goods Marylanders depend on daily. Trucks are the hub of Maryland's distribution wheel, playing a vital role in support of the state's manufacturing, agricultural, grocery and retail industries.

**Teleworking is simply not an option for the commercial trucking industry.** Should the House move forward with its amendments, MMTA urges the Senate Finance Committee to reject those amendments and retain the original language in Senate Bill 710.

**About Maryland Motor Truck Association:** Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000 members, MMTA is committed to supporting and advocating for a safe, efficient and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile or type of operation.

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