



February 3, 2021

Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

FAV W/ AMD

Re: **SENATE BILL 242 – FAV W/ AMD – TRANSPORTATION – I-270 COMMUTER
BUS ROUTE STUDY**

Dear Chairman Kelley and Members of the Senate Finance 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 would like to thank the sponsor for her attention to the grave infrastructure needs of Maryland’s citizenry. It is clear that the I-270 corridor, and those Marylanders that live in the area, need increased ability to travel in and around the State. We would only suggest that should the Committee decide to pass this bill they ensure that the funds used to implement this Study not come from the Transportation Trust Fund. The needs of our members and our industry are great, and we as a State cannot afford to further reduce the inadequate resources we currently have. The Transportation Trust Fund, which supports Maryland’s transportation infrastructure, is already critically underfunded as is and we would ask the Committee not to contribute further to those deficiencies.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this bill and ask that if you pass SB 242 it is with the amendments we have advocated.

Sincerely,


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President & CEO, MTBMA


Marshall Klinefelter
President, MAA