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The Honorable Shane Pendergrass Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee 6 Bladen Street, Room 251 Annapolis MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – House Bill 1244 – State Procurement – Concrete – Preference

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 1244 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

Over the years, the MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) has worked with our industry partners in the field to develop new products that have user benefit and cost savings. Currently, MDOT SHA is working with industry to rollout the use of "Type IL" also known as blended cement. MDOT SHA's Office of Materials Technology is working towards approval of this type of cement and some "Type IL" cements have been approved.

MDOT SHA is expecting more manufacturers within the industry to produce the product, which will create healthy competition. MDOT SHA looks forward to working with the concrete industry to implement this new material.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 1244.

Respectfully Submitted,

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