



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



February 3, 2021

Senator William C. Smith, Chair  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**OPPOSE**

Re: **SENATE BILL 140 – VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIERS – SAFETY, MAINTENANCE, AND INSURANCE INFORMATION (JAMES COHRAN’S LAW)**

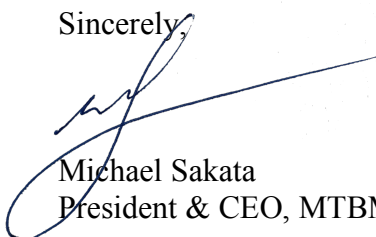
Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:


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.

SB 140 would require commercial motor vehicle employers to provide specified documentation to prospective employees as well as a requirement for regular updates to contracts between employers and subcontractors. This legislation would place an enormous burden on every one of our members that employs and seeks to employ CDL drivers by requiring them to provide copies of all safety records and access to up-to-date service and maintenance records to prospective employees. The bill does not explain what access means – is it paper copies or electronic access? Furthermore, the bill does not define what a prospective employee is. Is it someone that applies for a position with the employer, someone who comes in to interview, or someone who an offer for employment is extended to? This bill is too vague to know to whom it would apply.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we respectfully urge an **UNFAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 140.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Sakata  
President & CEO, MTBMA

  
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President, MAA