



# Maryland Motor Truck Association

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**BILL NO/TITLE:** House Bill 508 - COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity  
**COMMITTEE:** House Judiciary Committee  
**POSITION:** Support

The commercial trucking industry is playing a vital role in the effort to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyday Maryland trucking companies deliver critical supplies such as food, water, medicine, fuel, and other necessities. Without the industry's heroes, there is no food on the grocery shelves, there are no medical supplies in hospitals, and there are no vaccines in pharmacies.

Trucks are the hub of Maryland's distribution wheel, supporting the state's manufacturing, agricultural, grocery and retail industries. Now more than ever, the resilience and integrity of our supply chain needs to be protected. As we witnessed at the onset of the pandemic, when supply chains are disrupted, supply shortages are quick to follow.

Protecting those essential businesses that are following government guidelines from frivolous lawsuits should be a priority. Such lawsuits have the potential to paralyze the recovery effort. Maryland Motor Truck Association urges the committee to support the narrow, limited protections offered by HB508 so that we can continue safely delivering the goods Marylanders depend on each day.

**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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