

CHAIRMAN:  
Brian Russell  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
Jeff Graf

**MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION**



SECRETARY:  
Curtis Hall  
TREASURER:  
David Slaughter  
PRESIDENT:  
G. Marshall Klinefelter

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
251 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: **HOUSE BILL 1074 – VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIERS –  
SAFETY, MAINTENANCE, AND INSURANCE INFORMATION (JAMES  
COHRAN’S LAW)**


Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association is comprised of 18 producer members representing more than 48 production facilities, 20 contractor members, 24 consulting engineer firms and 40 other associate members. Combined our members employ more than 4,000 Marylanders in our operations. We assist with the education of our workforce, sponsor safety activities and promote best practices while working diligently to produce the highest performing pavement materials with the lowest carbon footprint. We proactively work with regulatory agencies to represent the interests of the asphalt industry both in the writing and interpretation of state and federal regulations that may affect our members. We also advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

HB 1074 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 House Bill 1074.

Thank you,

  
Marshall Klinefelter  
President