



MTBMA
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

February 25th, 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 Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials.

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,

Michael Sakata
President and CEO
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association