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Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
121 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: HB 1022 – UNFAVORABLE – State Highway Administration – Route 5 Reconstruction Project at Great Mills**

Dear Chair McIntosh and Members of the House Appropriations Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association (MAA) is comprised of 18 producer members representing more than 47 production facilities, 24 contractor members, 24 consulting engineer firms and 41 other associate members. 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.

House Bill 1022 would require the State Highway Administration to undertake all steps necessary to complete the Route 5 reconstruction project in Great Mills in St. Mary's County and require the Governor to appropriate the necessary funds for construction of the project.

MAA does not take a position on whether or not this project needs to be done on the basis of safety and traffic concerns. However, it is and has always been our position that the General Assembly not mandate specific projects that the Administration should and should not do. These decisions need to be left up to the experts within the Department of Transportation. We cannot allow the Legislature to cherry pick which projects should be completed within Maryland based on their priorities within their own districts. The Department has a detailed protocol for making these determinations and we need to leave it up to them.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue, and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 1022.

Thank you,

Marshall Klinefelter  
President  
Maryland Asphalt Association