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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 410 – FAVORABLE – Transportation – Highway User Revenue – Distribution**

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation 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 410 would remove the sunset date on the increase to the share of funds from the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account that the Maryland Department of Transportation must provide annually to local governments through Highway User Revenue (HUR) capital grants enacted by the legislature in 2018. It would also require each local government receiving HUR funds to report various pieces of related information to the State Highway Administration by July 1 each year.

Prior to the Great Recession, local governments in Maryland received more than 30% of Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues to support the roads and bridges that they maintained. In August 2009, the Board of Public Works made a devastating 90% cut to HUR's, and the following year's budget made that cut ongoing. MAA supports this legislation because it would maintain the current elevated HUR distribution formula from 2018, preventing the loss of more than \$82 million annually that the law would no longer mandate to be invested in these projects beginning in FY 2025. These funds are critical to building, repairing, and maintaining the roads and bridges that make up the backbone of Maryland's transportation infrastructure.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue, and we urge a favorable report on House Bill 410.

Thank you,

Marshall Klinefelter  
President  
Maryland Asphalt Association