



February 24, 2022

Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 687 – UNFAVORABLE – Department of the Environment – Zero-Emission Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles – Regulations (Zero-Emission Truck Act of 2022)**

Dear Chair Pinsky and Members of the 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. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

Senate Bill 687 would require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations establishing requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium and heavy duty vehicles by December 1, 2022. The regulations adopted may update existing regulations and incorporate the California Air Resources Board’s vehicle standards.

While we appreciate the Sponsor’s intent with this legislation, SB 687 has a largely negative impact on our members and the transportation industry as a whole. We unfortunately cannot support legislation that adds a significant financial burden onto our industry. The COVID-19 pandemic has already caused us to take a large financial hit with the delay of many projects. This bill toes the line of overregulation by dictating the purchase actions of companies using medium and heavy duty vehicles. These vehicles already meet the standards required by the Federal Clean Air Act, and this additional regulation is not only burdensome, but unnecessary.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue, and we urge an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 687.

Thank you,



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President and CEO

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