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Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 1 – State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders -  
OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Kelley and Members of the Finance Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association 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.

While we appreciate the Sponsor's intent with this legislation, as we see value in upholding the State's prevailing wage law, we must oppose SB 1. This bill is onerous in its nature and has the potential to completely derail projects within our industry. The delays that would occur as a result of the bill would result in increased project costs. At a time when we are facing high inflation, high demand, worker shortages, and disrupted supply chains, in addition to continued consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, we simply cannot afford any more delays. Additionally, we have serious concerns that this legislation would apply to all allegations of violation, including those where an allegation did not occur.

It is for these reasons we ask you for an UNFAVORABLE report on Senate Bill 1. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Marshall Klinefelter  
President  
Maryland Asphalt Association