



February 24, 2022

Senator William C. Smith, Chair  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 579 – FAVORABLE – Vehicle Equipment – Highway Maintenance and Service – Green Flashing Lights**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings 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.

SB 579 would authorize highway maintenance and service equipment vehicles to be equipped with and display green flashing lights while in use for snow removal or the protection of highway maintenance workers.

MTBMA strongly supports this legislation as it will increase worker safety as well as motorist and pedestrian safety on the roads in Maryland. Bright green flashing lists have proven to be very successful in other states in alerting drivers and pedestrians of maintenance being performed. They offer a higher degree of contrast and are better seen by the human eye than yellow or amber colored lights. Our employees put their lives at risk every day and we as a State need to do everything within our power to protect them as they work on our roadways.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue, and we urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 579.

Thank you,

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