



February 15, 2023

Senator Melony Griffith, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 356 – UNFAVORABLE – Transportation – Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Modification

Dear Chair Griffith, and Members of the Committees:

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 356 expands the responsibilities of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport and doubles the minimum annual funding that the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) must budget for projects recommended by the committee from \$1 for every takeoff and landing to \$2.

MTBMA believes all transportation projects being considered for funding through the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) should be judged on their individual merits with no preference shown for projects from certain areas of the state over others. MTBMA opposes Senate Bill 356 because it reduces the overall amount of funding in the TTF available for general transportation projects throughout the state by doubling the mandated appropriation that must be reserved specifically to fund the recommendations of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. With a system preservation funding gap already exceeding \$4 billion, this move would only serve to make our already deteriorating roads and crumbling bridges even more dangerous.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for an UNFAVORABLE report on Senate Bill 356.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Sakata", is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or stamp.

Michael Sakata
President and CEO
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association