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

RE: SB 19– FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS – Equity in Transportation Sector – Guidelines and Analyses

Dear Chair Griffith and Members of the Committees:

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. MAA works proactively 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.

Senate Bill 19 requires equity as a priority in the development of State transportation plans, reports and goals. To do this, the bill requires that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) conduct a transit equity analysis, perform a cost-benefit analysis, consult with members and leaders of affected communities, and take all of this information into consideration before announcing any new developments. This bill also adds additional members to the advisory committee.

While the bill adds two additional representatives to the advisory committee, we respectfully request the bill also include a representative from the transportation construction industry. Currently, no one from the industry sits on the advisory committee and we strongly believe our insight is invaluable.

We appreciate you taking the time to address our request on Senate Bill 19.

Sincerely,

Marshall Klinefelter
President
Maryland Asphalt Association