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The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee Room 241, House Office Building Annapolis MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 328 – State Finance and Procurement – Grants – Prompt Payment Requirement

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 328 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

As drafted, House Bill 328 establishes prompt payment requirements for grant agreements and would reduce the ability of MDOT to ensure that grantees are in compliance with grant requirements. MDOT is aware that there are amendments being considered on the cross file of this bill, Senate Bill 112, and is favorable of those amendments should they be adopted for House Bill 328.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 328.

Respectfully submitted,

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