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To: Maryland House of Delegates
Health & Government Operations Committee
House Office Building, Room 241
6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Oppose HB0261: Public Projects – Global Warming Potential of Materials (Buy Clean Maryland Act)

As Executive Director of the Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association (MRMCA), I write this letter of opposition to HB0261, Public Projects – Global Warming Potential of Materials (Buy Clean Maryland Act) on behalf of the ready mixed concrete industry in Maryland.

The cement and concrete industry welcome the conversation and want to meet with you to discuss these Bills and other legislation that aims to lower the carbon footprint of construction materials. Local concrete producers are at the forefront of innovation and technology to optimize concrete mixtures for the betterment of all Marylanders. The MRMCA agrees with the intent of the legislature to curb greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of our public infrastructure projects. However, green building initiatives need to focus on more than one aspect—beyond simply embodied carbon. The most effective strategy for ensuring a sustainable, built community is to consider the full life cycle of the project.

The economic impact of the cement and concrete industry in Maryland is significant. Collectively, we employ over 15,000 Marylanders and our total state revenue is over \$1 billion annually. The concrete industry has operations in nearly every community in Maryland and therefore, our industry has an impact on all Maryland voters.

Two key points of our industry's opposition to HB0261 are that it only identifies "cement or concrete mixture" as "eligible material; and it does not address CO2 emissions for operation, maintenance, and the longevity of the structure.

Additional reasons for opposing these Bills are attached in a separate document.

Please give HB0261 an UNFAVORABLE report and be sure to invite MRMCA to the table to discuss Maryland's sustainability goals moving forward.

Respectfully,

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