



February 22, 2023

Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Chair  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: House Bill 328 – FAVORABLE – State Finance and Procurement – Grants – Prompt Payment Requirement**

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the 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.

House Bill 328 would require the State to make payment under a grant agreement within 30 days after payment is due under the grant agreement or the day an invoice is received, after which interest shall accrue. We appreciate and applaud the sponsor for reintroducing this piece of legislation, with the aim to correct the longstanding problem with prompt payments. Our members struggle with this frequently in our industry and hope codifying a more expedient payment schedule will ensure contractors are paid on time.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this issue and we respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 328.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata  
President and CEO  
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association