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Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 963 – UNFAVORABLE – Carroll County – Office of Permits and Inspections – Denial of Permit or License for Unpaid Personal Property Taxes

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association (MAA) is comprised of 19 producer members representing more than 48 production facilities, 25 contractor members, 25 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 963 prohibits the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections from issuing or renewing a license or permit until an applicant provides satisfactory evidence that there are no unpaid assessed personal property taxes.

We oppose this bill because it would add additional layers to an already long process of applying for licenses and permits. By putting the onus on the applicant to supply evidence that they are in compliance creates additional burdens for our member organizations. Moreover, after reading the bill, this seems like a hidden attempt to resolve a specific incident that happened in Carroll County. This is not how legislation should be crafted and passed at the state level.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for an **UNFAVORABLE** report on SB 963.

Sincerely,



Tim Smith, P.E.
President
Maryland Asphalt Association