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Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair
House Economic Matters Committee
231 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1272 – Letter of Inquiry – Department of the Environment – Cap-and-Invest Program – Establishment

Dear Chair Wilson 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 1272 requires the Maryland Department of the Environment to develop an economy wide cap-and-invest program that reduces climate-altering emissions in Maryland. The program must be designed to achieve necessary climate pollution reductions, address energy affordability and environmental justice, and establish protocols for participation in multistate or regional cap-and-invest programs.

MTBMA submits this letter of inquiry to request clarification about the nature of the cap-and-invest program. The bill text is unclear, and does not fully explain the provisions of its development and implementation or how it will be funded. We look forward to gaining a better understanding of HB 1272.

Thank you,

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