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Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 282 – FAVORABLE – Speed Monitoring Systems – Agencies – Statements and Certificates of Violations

Dear Chair Korman 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.

House Bill 282 would permit a technician to sign a statement alleging violations recorded by speed monitoring systems. Current law requires all citations to be signed by a law enforcement officer.

MAA supports the expansion of this requirement to include a technician because not only will it speed up the process of getting citations out to violators, but it will decrease the administrative costs for municipalities in Maryland that do not regularly employ law enforcement officers. Our members steadfastly support all legislation that seeks to enhance road safety.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 282.

Sincerely,

Tim E. Smith, P.E.
President
Maryland Asphalt Association