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

**RE: HB 774 – FAVORABLE – Motor Vehicles – Certificate of Title Fees – Zero-Emission Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles**

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 774 adds a fee of \$200 for zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicles. For many years, MAA has argued that electric vehicles don't pay their fair share in Maryland—by not paying motor fuel tax, which assists with funding and maintaining our roads, but still using those roads putting significant wear and tear on them. This places a significant burden on our crumbling infrastructure. We desperately need an influx of revenue into the Transportation Trust Fund to ensure safe and reliable roads in Maryland. We appreciate the sponsors introducing this legislation to finally create fairness amongst all vehicle users in Maryland, while providing that additional funding we need. Moreover, it reflects one of the recommendations given by the Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs, which aims to seek additional revenue options for transportation projects.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 774.

Sincerely,

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