



February 8, 2024

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

RE: HB 278 – FAVORABLE – Urban State Highways – Speed Limits - Exceptions

Dear Chair Korman 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 278 grants the State Highway Administration the authority to reduce the maximum speed limit by 5 miles per hour on certain urban State highways without the need for an engineering and traffic investigation.

MTBMA supports this legislation because it will take necessary action to improve road safety. The ability of the State Highway Administration to adjust speed limits based on current conditions without the bureaucratic hurdles of a full investigation will provide the necessary flexibility to address road safety concerns promptly. HB 278 will be an important step in aligning with the Maryland Work Zone Safety Group’s recommendations, thus contributing to a more secure and efficient transportation network for all Marylanders.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 278.

Thank you,

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