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RE: Written testimony for Senate Bill 183

To whom it may concern:

This written testimony for Senate Bill 183 is in reference to the Maryland Department of Transportation project *Intersection Improvements on MD 5 at Abell/Moakley Streets* in St. Mary's County, contract number SM2025171. The general contractor and bond holder for the project is Highway and Safety Services, Inc. of Gaithersburg, MD. The bonding company is SureTec Insurance Company of Houston, TX, with bond provided under bond number 4426250.

Sloan Materials, LLC provided services to Highway and Safety Services, Inc. as a material supplier from January 2020 through December 2021. Payment collection was difficult with payments arriving for invoices between 60 and 90 days past due. The final invoice was issued on December 30, 2021 and the last payment that we received arrived on July 18, 2022, leaving a balance due of \$47,417.71 all of it over 90 days past due. Current charges due, including accumulated interest, total \$68,081.52.

On May 17, 2022, The Law Office of Daniel A.M. Slade, LLC of Leonardtown, MD filed a claim against the project on behalf of Sloan Materials, LLC (see attached). In addition, The Law Office of Daniel A.M. Slade, LLC made numerous attempts to establish contact with SureTec Insurance Company, point of contact Michael Cronin. No response was received.

Sloan Materials, LLC also contacted Mr. Sean Powell, head of MDOT SHA, who assured us there was little he could do and encouraged us to file suit against Maryland Department of Transportation and Highway and Safety Services, LLC.

Sloan Materials, LLC also contacted SHA District 5 Construction, point of contact Mr. Reed Stonesifer. Mr. Stonesifer performed due diligence in finding a way to force Highway and Safety Services, Inc., or SureTec Insurance Company to settle the total balance due, but after numerous attempts also advised to file suit.

We are asking for consideration for payment in lieu of filing suit.

Sincerely,

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