

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
241 House Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401

***Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 581 – State Government – Permits, Licenses, and Certificates – Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024)***

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports House Bill 581 and offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

House Bill 581 proposes to improve predictability for entities that want to invest in the State. MDOT is always seeking ways to be a better partner to those that we conduct business with and partner with on our projects and initiatives. By creating a catalog of MDOT’s licenses and permits that we issue, as well as identifying processing timelines, we will create a transparent working environment for businesses that want to participate and pursue opportunities with MDOT.

Additionally, MDOT looks forward to working with the Government Efficiency Commission to identify inefficiencies and chart a path forward to make our State more inclusive and reliable for those that want to partner and grow their business in the State.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee grant House Bill 581 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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