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Senator Will Smith, Chair  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 344 – FAVORABLE – Criminal and Civil Trespass – Professional Land Surveyors – Exception**

Dear Chair Smith 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.

Senate Bill 344 establishes exceptions to trespassing laws for professional land surveyors and their agents or employees when they enter someone else's property to conduct land surveying. The exceptions outlined in SB3 44 do not affect other legal protections or rights individuals have, and do not prevent anyone from seeking legal recourse for other actionable behavior by land surveyors.

MAA supports this legislation, as the processes outlined in the bill are an integral part of our State's real estate development, and land surveyors play a crucial role in ensuring accurate boundary determinations and protecting property rights. SB 344 expands on the provisions outlined in Maryland's Right of Entry to better facilitate the work of surveyors while also addressing potential conflicts and legal concerns. This exemption is narrowly tailored to apply only when surveyors are actively engaged in surveying services, it does not grant blanket permission to enter any building and retains surveyors' liability. This bill is crucial to support the vital work of professional land surveyors in Maryland.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 344.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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