



February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**RE: SB 768 – FAVORABLE – Vehicle Laws – Lanes of Travel – Slower Traffic and Overtaking and Passing (Highway Left Lane Safety Act)**

Dear Chair Smith 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.

Senate Bill 768 aims to extend the requirement for drivers traveling slower than the general speed of traffic to keep right on all roadways in Maryland. On roadways with three or more lanes and a posted maximum speed limit of 55 miles or more, the left lane should be used solely for overtaking and passing other vehicles.

MTBMA supports this legislation, as its requirements address roadway issues that often lead to congestion, frustration, and most importantly, unsafe driving conditions. Encouraging slower drivers to stay in the right-hand lanes will facilitate smoother traffic flow, reduce lane weaving, and minimize the risk of accidents caused by abrupt lane changes. By enacting the Highway Left Lane Safety Act, Maryland can significantly reduce the risk of road collisions, enhance traffic efficiency, and promote responsible driving among motorists.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 768.

Thank you,

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