



February 28th, 2024

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

RE: SB 1067 – FAVORABLE – Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Interstate 695

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 1067 authorizes the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County. This bill authorizes the fines collected from violations to be used to cover the cost of roadway and safety improvements on I-695 and includes a 90-day warning period at the onset of the monitoring system’s operations.

MTBMA strongly supports this legislation because it represents a crucial step towards enhancing road safety, not only by deterring speeding violations but also by ensuring the fines collected contribute directly to roadway and safety improvements. Moreover, the goals of this legislation align with the Maryland Road Worker Protection Act, reinforcing Maryland’s commitment to enhancing work zone safety and keeping all Marylanders safe. SB 1067 will take concrete steps to ensure that devastating incidents such as the crash on I-695 last year, which claimed the lives of six of our workers will never occur again.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 1067.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata
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