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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 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 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.

MAA 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.

Sincerely,



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