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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
The Maryland State Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Senate Bill 1067: *Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Interstate 695***

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

Those who live in the Baltimore area and visit the city via the Jones Falls Expressway are by now familiar with the speed monitoring systems along the JFX. This speed monitoring system was just installed two years ago after the General Assembly passed authorizing legislation. It has accomplished exactly what it was intended to do, namely cause drivers on the JFX to slow down and drive more safely. In fact, so many drivers on the JFX have slowed down that the income produced by the speed cameras is a fraction of the original predictions.

Seven of the eight Baltimore County State Senators are sponsoring this bill to place similar speed cameras on the Baltimore County part of the Baltimore Beltway. The reason is simple. There are drivers on the Baltimore Beltway who seem determined to set world speeding records. Each of the sponsoring State Senators have had the same experience. We are driving along the Beltway at a responsible speed when a car passes us traveling at rocket-like speeds of 90 mph, 100 mph and higher. When this happens, it is shocking and scary. We cringe, convinced that we are about to witness a fatal accident up ahead. Clocking speeds like this in work zones is terrible, but driving 30 to 50 mph over the speed limit on other parts of the Beltway is nearly as dangerous.

Senators Brooks, Hettleman, Klausmeier, Salling, Sydnor and Washington join me as co-sponsors of this bill. We consist of all of the Baltimore County State Senators whose districts include a portion of the Baltimore Beltway.

Senate Bill 1067 will bring the same monitoring system to the Baltimore Beltway as currently exists on the Jones Falls Expressway. There will be up to 16 speed cameras operable, with only 4 in use at any one time. The violations enforced by this speed monitoring system will be used to fund road repairs and safety improvements on the parts of Interstate 695 within Baltimore County.

The bill has two amendments. The first adds cosponsors to the bill, and the second transfers the responsibility for installing and operating the speed camera system from the government of

Baltimore County to the Maryland State Highway Administration. Enforcement will be the responsibility of the Maryland State Police.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of Senate Bill 1067 and will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

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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 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  
President and CEO  
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association

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**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.

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Sincerely,



Tim E. Smith, P.E.  
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