

February 5th, 2025

Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair Senate Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West, Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 415 – <u>UNFAVORABLE</u> – Carroll County – Office of Permits and Inspections – Denial of Permit or License for Unpaid Personal Property Taxes

Dear Chair Guzzone 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 415 prohibits the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections from issuing or renewing a license or permit until an applicant provides satisfactory evidence that there are no unpaid assessed personal property taxes.

We oppose this bill because it would add additional layers to an already long process of applying for licenses and permits. By putting the onus on the applicant to supply evidence that they are in compliance creates additional burdens for our member organizations. Moreover, after reading the bill, this seems like a hidden attempt to resolve a specific incident that happened in Carroll County. This is not how legislation should be crafted and passed at the state level.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for an UNFAVORABLE report on SB 415.

Thank you,

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