



January 4, 2025

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

**RE: SB 471 – FAVORABLE – Vehicle Laws – Motor Vehicle Administration – 3-Hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program**

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.

SB 471 expands on the required alcohol education program for new drivers, creating the roadway safety driving education program which shall include instruction eight new topics including dangerous driving behaviors and work zone safety.

This added topic is especially important for our industry. By ensuring drivers are better informed about navigating work zones, the bill aims to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities in these high-risk areas. Additionally, it directly aligns with the Administration’s introduction and the General Assembly’s passage of the Road Worker Protection Act last year. Overall, SB 471 is positioned as a proactive measure to improve driver education, reduce road hazards, and ultimately make Maryland’s roadways safer for all users.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 471.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Sakata", is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Michael Sakata  
President and CEO  
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association