



Hon. Ben Barnes
Appropriations Committee
121 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB229 — Maryland Transportation Authority - Revenue Bond Limit - Increase
Position: Support

The Maryland Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC/MD) represents Maryland's private-sector engineering firms that design and deliver the transportation, water, environmental, and public works infrastructure that local governments and the State rely upon every day. The Maryland Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC/MD) is in strong support of SB 188, which increases the revenue bond limit for the Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA) from \$4 billion to \$5 billion.

This legislation is crucial for the continued growth, safety, and soundness of Maryland's transportation system. By increasing the revenue bond limit, the MTA will have the necessary financial flexibility to undertake more projects, addressing critical infrastructure needs and improving the overall transportation network.

As engineers, we understand the importance of investing in our state's infrastructure. Maryland's transportation system is the backbone of our economy, and it requires ongoing investment to ensure it remains safe, efficient, and reliable. By allowing the MTA to issue more revenue bonds, we can accelerate the delivery of critical projects, reduce congestion, and improve air quality.

Furthermore, this legislation aligns with the state's transportation goals and objectives, as outlined in the Maryland Transportation Plan. By increasing the revenue bond limit, we can ensure that the MTA has the necessary resources to implement the plan and address the state's transportation needs.

We urge the Committee to support HB 229, which will enable the MTA to undertake more projects, create jobs, and stimulate economic growth. This legislation is a critical step towards building a safer, more efficient, and more reliable transportation system for all Marylanders.

Thank you for considering our testimony. We look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Respectfully,

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