



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

February 24, 2026

RE: SB 547 – UNFAVORABLE – Recipients of State and Local Government Funding – Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)

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 250 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 547 would require State and local government, as well as individuals and corporations receiving State funding, to submit detailed annual reports to the Comptroller on the use of those funds. The bill would also mandate that contractors and subcontractors include extensive information about their employees, business status, and subcontracting relationships on tax filings. The Comptroller would then consolidate this information and report to the General Assembly on the composition and use of State funding.

While MTBMA shares the goal of transparent public spending, we have significant concerns with the scope, burden, and unintended consequences in SB 547. The bill’s reporting framework would impose substantial new recordkeeping and reporting obligations on both government units and private entities receiving public funding. Many contractors, particularly small and mid-sized firms, currently operate with limited administrative staff and resources. Compiling and submitting detailed contractor/subcontractor data annually—above and beyond existing procurement reporting—is likely to divert time and money away from core business operations. The additional compliance burden may discourage participation by some contractors in public procurement or bidding on State-funded projects, particularly smaller firms lacking capacity for ongoing reporting, which runs counter to public policy goals of broad contractor participation. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 547.

Thank you,

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