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

***Re: Letter of Concern – Senate Bill 547 – Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)***

Dear Chair Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 547 but respectfully offers the following concerns for the Committee's consideration.

SB 547 would require MDOT to collect additional details from vendors at the time of bid or proposal submission, would increase annual reporting requirements for MDOT, and would require contractors to report information on contracts as part of their tax returns. The administrative burden to MDOT, its vendors, and its contractors will be substantial.

MDOT currently requires prime contractors to list all subcontractors that will work on the contract if the offeror receives an award, including those utilized in meeting the MBE and VSBE subcontracting goals, if applicable. This list must include a full description of the duties each subcontractor will perform, as well as why and how each subcontractor was deemed the most qualified for the project.

SB 547 would also require vendors to report additional information as part of their bid or proposal: the number of employees each contractor or subcontractor employs and the address where the work will be performed. Procurement officers would need to enter all of this information into MDOT's Financial Management Information System (FMIS) so it will be available for reporting. MDOT would need to add additional fields as an enhancement to MDOT FMIS to make data collection and reporting possible. Each year MDOT would need to report all of this information, a description of the use of funds, and payment information to the Comptroller.

MDOT is concerned that there is no carve out for small procurements or Corporate Purchasing Card (CPC) purchases, so this applies to every transaction. This information would need to be collected prior to awarding any contract or making a CPC payment.

SB 547 will also require individuals or corporations that receive funding to report to the Comptroller on a return or declaration: a description of the goods or services provided to the State;

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the number of individuals that the corporation employs; whether the individual or corporation is a certified Minority Business Enterprise; the name of any entity, contractor, or subcontractor,

including the address, any subcontractor hires, the number of employees each subcontractor employs, the address where the work is performed, and whether the subcontractor is a certified Minority Business Enterprise.

Any new requirements on solicitations or contracts can be another disincentive for firms to compete for Maryland contracts. It would require more time and effort for vendors to complete even more paperwork just to bid, and contractors would need to submit this information as part of their State tax returns. This bill also creates duplicative information that is already required for contractors to report MBE through a documented process. It is unclear what would happen if the information contractors supply to the Comptroller does not match the information supplied by MDOT. There is also the possibility that vendors or contractors do not wish to submit this information and they cease doing business with the State.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 547.

Respectfully submitted,

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