



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 Asphalt Association (MAA) represents approximately 110+ members, including 20 material producers, contractors, engineering firms, and associate members, supporting a 7,000-person workforce. MAA actively collaborates with regulatory agencies to advocate for the asphalt industry, ensuring fair regulations at both the state and federal levels. Additionally, we support adequate 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 MAA 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim E. Smith'.

Tim E. Smith, P.E.
President
Maryland Asphalt Association