



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

February 18, 2026

RE: SB 116 – UNFAVORABLE – Board of Public works – Contract Review – Climate and Sustainability Information

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 116 would require State agencies to submit climate and sustainability information when presenting certain contract award recommendations to the Board of Public Works for approval, including descriptions of how a contract advances greenhouse gas reduction goals, climate resilience, and green building standards, to the extent applicable.

MAA opposed SB 116 because it creates additional regulatory scrutiny and uncertainty by mandating a broad environmental and infrastructure impact study at the Board of Public Works that could lead to new restrictions or compliance costs for construction-related industries. The bill's focus on air, water, and energy impacts raises concern that its findings could be used to justify stricter environmental controls affecting asphalt production and paving activities. Additionally, the study diverts state resources and policy attention away from core transportation and road-building priorities that directly support Maryland's construction economy.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 116.

Sincerely,

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