



Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 5, 2026

RE: HB 8 – FAVORABLE – Vehicle Laws – Dangerous Driver Abatement Program – Establishment (Dangerous Driver Accountability Act)

Dear Chair Korman 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.

House Bill 8 establishes the Dangerous Driver Abatement Program, requiring repeat offenders identified through existing automated enforcement systems to complete an approved driver accountability and safety course or face vehicle registration consequences. The bill is focused on behavior change and accountability rather than revenue generation, and it does not dedicate fines or fees to the Transportation Trust Fund or roadway projects. Instead, it leverages existing enforcement tools to target a small subset of chronic, high-risk drivers who contribute disproportionately to serious crashes.

MTBMA supports HB 8 because it advances roadway safety without creating new unfunded infrastructure mandates, distorting transportation funding, or incentivizing enforcement as a revenue source. By focusing on education and corrective action rather than expanding penalties, the bill aligns with the goal of improving safety outcomes while keeping transportation funding discussions centered on investment, not citations.

Thank you,

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Michael Sakata
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