



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

February 4, 2026

**RE: HB 79 – FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS – Climate Solutions Affordability Act of 2026**

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.

HB 79 modifies several provisions of the Climate Solutions Now Act by clarifying that major emissions, building performance, fleet conversion, and infrastructure requirements must be implemented “to the extent economically practicable.”

MTBMA supports the goal of reducing emissions and recognizes the value of incorporating cost-feasibility into climate policy. However, while the bill adds important economic practicality language, it continues to restrict certain roadway expansion, impose new construction standards, and layer additional labor, procurement, and compliance requirements onto transportation and utility projects. Without clear guardrails, HB 79 risks increasing project costs, delaying delivery, and limiting flexibility for roadway and bridge investments, particularly where no new or sustainable funding is identified to offset those impacts.

MTBMA believes the bill should be amended to clarify that climate requirements may not delay or prohibit funded transportation projects and that any new requirements must be supported by available funding and realistic supply-chain feasibility to better align with Maryland’s transportation, safety, and economic objectives. We appreciate you taking the time to review our suggestions to House Bill 79.

Thank you,

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