



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

February 26, 2026

**RE: HB 591 – FAVORABLE – Wicomico County – Highway Pedestrian Safety 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 591 would prohibit individuals in Wicomico County from standing in roadways, shoulders, median dividers, or intersections that are determined by the county or a municipal corporation to be inherently dangerous. The bill defines “inherently dangerous” as locations posing a serious risk of injury that cannot be mitigated through the exercise of ordinary care. HB 591 also establishes clear safeguards by prohibiting enforcement to issue a citation unless appropriate signage is installed in accordance with State traffic control standards.

MTBMA supports HB 591 because it is a targeted, safety-driven measure that prioritizes the protection of pedestrians, motorists, and transportation workers alike. The bill helps reduce preventable accidents while maintaining transparency and fairness in police enforcement. Clear standards and signage improve predictability within the transportation network and support safer project delivery and roadway operations. This bill aligns perfectly with our Association’s mission to create safer roads in Maryland.

For the reasons stated, we respectfully ask for a **FAVORABLE** vote on HB 591.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Sakata", written in a cursive style.

Michael Sakata  
President and CEO  
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association