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Senator William Smith, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 487 – FAVORABLE – Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Safety Corridors (Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)

Dear Chair Smith 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.

On behalf of MTBMA we are writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 487, the Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026. Our organization is deeply concerned about the rising number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways, particularly among pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users.

SB 487 is a proactive, data-driven approach to safety that aligns with Maryland’s Vision Zero commitment to eliminate traffic deaths. We specifically support SB 487 because the proposed legislation:

- **Targets high risk areas.** By authorizing the State Highway Administration (SHA) and authorized local jurisdictions to use speed monitoring systems in safety corridors, this bill focuses enforcement where it’s needed most – in designated high-risk areas for pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Takes a proactive approach to improve safety for vulnerable road users.** SB 487 utilizes automated enforcement to prevent collisions *before* they occur. [The Federal Highway Administration](#) reports that fixed camera units can reduce crashes on arterial corridors by up to 54 percent.
- **Holds motorists accountable for dangerous driver behavior.** SB 487 ensures that drivers who operate at dangerous speeds in critical, identified corridors are held accountable. It will make roadways safer for us all.

According to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), more than 570 people lost their lives on Maryland roads in 2024. A quarter of those deaths involved people who were walking or



biking. Allowing the use of speed monitoring systems in designated safety corridors is a critical step in reversing this trend.

We strongly urge the committee to provide a **favorable report** on SB 487. Thank you for your leadership in protecting all users on Maryland's roadways.

Thank you,

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