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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 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.

SB 487 advances a targeted, data-driven approach to improving roadway safety by authorizing speed monitoring in designated safety corridors with a demonstrated risk to vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and bicyclists. MAA supports policies that measurably reduce serious crashes while allowing limited transportation resources to be focused where they will have the greatest impact.

Speed remains one of the most significant contributing factors to severe and fatal roadway crashes. By allowing speed monitoring in clearly identified high-risk corridors, SB 487 provides an effective deterrent against excessive speeding without imposing broad or arbitrary enforcement. The bill appropriately ties implementation to engineering assessments and safety data, ensuring that enforcement tools are deployed strategically rather than indiscriminately.

Importantly, SB 487 reinvests revenues into transportation safety and the Transportation Trust Fund. At a time when infrastructure needs continue to grow and funding remains constrained, dedicating resources to safety improvements helps preserve the integrity and performance of Maryland's transportation network. Well-maintained, safer roadways benefit all users and support the economic vitality of the state.

For these reasons, the Maryland Asphalt Association **supports** SB 487 and urges the Committee to issue a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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