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Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Distinguished Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,

For the record, I am Delegate Ryan Nawrocki, requesting a favorable report on HB 1508.

This bill requires that, upon submission of an application for an access permit along a state highway for certain types of projects, notice is provided to each member of the General Assembly representing the legislative district in which the work is proposed. The notice would include basic information about the project's location, nature, and scope.

This bill is fundamentally about communication and transparency. Projects on state highways can significantly impact traffic, local businesses, and the daily routines of our constituents. Yet too often, legislators learn about these projects only after disruptions have already begun, typically from constituents who are understandably frustrated.

HB 1508 establishes a simple and reasonable expectation: when work is proposed along a state highway within a legislative district, the elected representatives of that district should be notified promptly and provided with the information necessary to understand the potential impact.

Importantly, this bill does not delay projects, create new approval requirements, or add regulatory hurdles. It simply ensures timely communication. With early notice, legislators can better respond to constituent concerns, coordinate with local officials, and help facilitate communication between residents, businesses, and the State Highway Administration. In practice, this will improve transparency, reduce confusion, and strengthen coordination between state agencies and elected representatives.

I would also note that this bill as amended is the product of extensive collaboration and thoughtful compromise with the State Highway Administration. Through that process, we were able to eliminate the fiscal note, narrow the scope of the bill, and ensure that its requirements are

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practical and feasible to implement. As a result, the bill has a long list of bipartisan cosponsors from across the state, received unanimous support in the Environment and Transportation Committee, and passed the full House of Delegates in a near-unanimous vote.

Our constituents expect their elected officials to be informed about significant activity affecting their communities. HB 1508 helps ensure we can meet that expectation.

Therefore, I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan Nawrocki". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Delegate Ryan Nawrocki