



Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, Chair
House Ways & Means Committee
130 Taylor House Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

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RE: HB 827 – UNFAVORABLE – Repair the Transportation Trust Fund

Dear Chair Wilkins, Chair Korman and Members of the Committees:

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.

MAA strongly opposes HB 827, Repair the Transportation Trust Fund Act, as it poses significant risks to the stability of Maryland's transportation funding. The bill repeals the annual adjustment of the motor fuel tax based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), removing a key mechanism that ensures transportation funding keeps pace with inflation. It also prohibits the State and local jurisdictions from imposing a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) tax or similar fees, limiting future options for sustainable revenue generation.

The repeal of the CPI adjustment would erode long-term funding for critical infrastructure projects, leaving Maryland's roads, bridges, and transit systems vulnerable to underfunding as construction and maintenance costs continue to rise. The prohibition on a VMT tax eliminates a potential revenue source that could have helped equitably distribute transportation costs among all road users, particularly as fuel tax revenues decline with the rise of electric and hybrid vehicles. These changes threaten the financial health of Maryland's transportation network and hinder efforts to maintain and improve vital infrastructure.

For these reasons, we strongly urge an unfavorable report on HB 827.

Sincerely,

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