



MTBMA
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS
AND MATERIALS ASSOCIATION

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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

OPPOSE

Re: **HOUSE BILL 1249 – I-495 AND I-270 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP –
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROMISES ACT OF 2020)**

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

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 200 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.

HB 1249 calls for a mandate on how funds generated from toll lanes on I-495 and I-270 will be allocated. The bill calls for 10% of toll revenue from these highways to be distributed to a special fund, and the money within that fund can only be used for transit projects that comply with memorandums of understanding between the Department of Transportation and the governing bodies of the counties where the toll facilities are located. If the counties do not see the importance of a particular project, they can deny the use of the funds. This will ultimately grant counties more power than the State, lead to dependency on the State for funding, and may impede impactful development that would positively affect the greater good of Maryland.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 1249.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata
Executive Director
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association