



MARYLAND ASPHALT ASSOCIATION



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Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Comm.
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RE: SB 151-UNFAVORABLE - Constitutional Amendment - Environmental Rights

Dear Members of the Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committees:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) and the Maryland Asphalt Association (“MAA”) collectively represent tens of thousands of Marylanders who operate in the areas of transportation construction, production and engineering. Together, for nearly 100 years these organizations have served as the voice of the transportation construction industry. The mission of both MTBMA and MAA is to encourage, develop, and protect 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 also advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

We would like to thank the sponsor for the effort and consideration that went into the introduction of SB 151. However, passage of this bill would greatly overburden businesses like those we represent. We applaud the pursuit of a healthier environment and a healthier Maryland; however, the language in this bill is overbroad, vague, and subjective and its’ passage would be detrimental to our membership. There is considerable room for interpretation as to the language of SB 151 and that subjectivity would leave our members in a vulnerable position.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this bill and ask that you please give Senate Bill 151 an UNFAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,


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