



February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 250 – FAVORABLE – State and Local Procurement – Payment Practices**

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

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. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

This bill would require State agencies to make payments under procurement contracts within 15 days after payment becomes due per the contract or after the invoice is received, and require interest accrual to start after the 15 days. We applaud the sponsor for introducing this legislation again. We struggle with this frequently in our industry and hope codifying a more expedient payment schedule will ensure contractors are paid on time.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this issue and we respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 250.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata  
President and CEO  
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association