



February 13, 2024

Senator Will Smith, Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 345 – FAVORABLE – Vision Zero Advisory Commission – Establishment

Dear Chair Smith 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.

Senate Bill 345 establishes the Vision Zero Advisory Commission, which is aimed at developing strategies to enhance road safety, with the ultimate goal of eliminating all vehicle-related deaths by 2030. The Vision Zero Advisory Commission will be responsible for advising the Maryland Department of Transportation on the proper implementation of Vision Zero, as well as providing annual reports with its status, findings, and recommendations.

MTBMA steadfastly supports this legislation as a course of action to enhance road safety. The Vision Zero Advisory Commission reflects a proactive and comprehensive approach to address the challenges associated with traffic-related incidents, and will ultimately assist in realizing Vision Zero by 2030. As consistently engaged advocates of road safety, the Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association respectfully requests to be included as a member of the Commission.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 345.

Thank you,

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