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RE: House Bill 2062- Pavement Advisory Committee

Dear Chairmen:

The American Concrete Pavement Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (ACPA/PA), supports House Bill 2062. We believe that competition in the pavement materials market can contribute towards a more efficient and effective way of investing transportation dollars. House Bill 2062 is a method to help achieve the goal of stimulating competition in Pennsylvania.

House Bill 2062 would create the Pavement Advisory Committee. This committee will bring together PennDOT, the Turnpike Commission, the General Assembly, and members of both the asphalt and concrete pavement industries. The committee's goal would be to evaluate and make recommendations on sustainable processes for making the pavement material selection process more competitive.

Studies have shown that although intra-industry competition lowers unit costs, inter-industry competition has a much more significant impact on lowering unit costs for both concrete and asphalt. With significant strains on highway investment funding, stimulating inter-industry competition has the potential for extending the purchasing power of the Department not only during these unconventional times but also over the long-term.

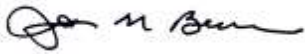
Concrete (including resurfaced concrete) has and continues to carry the load on the majority of Interstate and Interstate look-alikes in Pennsylvania. We continue to benefit from the investments made by our predecessors. However, over the past five years, concrete materials have comprised less than eight percent of all new material used for pavement. Furthermore, with very little opportunity for pursuing concrete pavement work in 2020, Pennsylvania runs the risk of losing this vital industry.

PennDOT has been tremendously successful in developing tools and techniques that can be used to solve both short-term and long-term fixes using concrete, and we applaud all efforts that are being made to diversify pavement portfolios by providing the opportunity for both paving industries to thrive and compete.

ACPA/PA believes that the establishment of a Pavement Advisory Committee will provide a forum to achieve the goal of stimulating competition over the long-term in the pavement materials market.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (717) 215-0509 or jbecker@pavement.com

Very truly yours,



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