

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Environment & Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251,  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: MBIA Letter of Support SB 382 Accessory Dwelling Unit Promotion and Policy Task Force**

Dear Chairman Barve,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 382 Accessory Dwelling Unit Promotion and Policy Task Force**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would establish an Accessory Dwelling Unit Task force to study state and local efforts to promote Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). Maryland currently faces an estimated 120,000 housing unit shortage across the state. ADU's are an effective way to not only allow homeowners to leverage the value of their homes to the benefit of society but also meet this housing need. The Maryland Realtors Association reports that these housing types may be able to meet as much as 40,000 new units cutting our housing crisis by nearly a third with the addition and promotion of one single housing type. This is achieved at a significantly reduced cost to traditional development due to the smaller and more easily constructible nature of these units. Addressing this crisis is going to take creative thinking and a massive community effort and this bill is a good first step to making Maryland accessible to all.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or [lgraf@marylandbuilders.org](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee