

February 19th, 2024

The Honorable Brian Feldman
Chairman, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: MBIA Letter of Support SB 835 Environment – Delegated Authorities – Well and Septic Program Permits

Dear Chairman Feldman,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 835 Environment – Delegated Authorities – Well and Septic Program Permits**. MBIA **supports** the Act in its current version.

SB835 requires a local health department or county government to submit a schedule of review times for certain well and septic program permits to the Department of the Environment on or before December 1, 2024. Our association fully supports this measure, as we believe its provisions will help reduce delays in obtaining permits and will allow construction projects to proceed more smoothly and efficiently. Regular data submissions to the Department of the Environment will help ensure that delegated authorities are effectively managing the well and septic program permits.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully urges the Committee to 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.

cc: Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee