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The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House 973 - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2025)
UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Korman and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in my capacity as the Legislative Chairman of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Baltimore (BOMA) to respectfully request an unfavorable report on House Bill 973.

BOMA, through its nearly 300 members, represents owners and managers of all types of commercial property, comprising 143 million square feet of office space in Baltimore and Central Maryland. Our members' facilities support over 19,000 jobs and contribute \$2.5 billion to the Maryland economy each year.

We note that your Committee is currently considering a number of amendments, including amendments submitted by the Department of the Environment, to Senate Bill 49 (Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards - Compliance and Reporting). While we appeared in opposition to that legislation, we were invited to review the MDE amendments and submit comments and language on behalf of the commercial and industrial building owners who comprise our membership. We are in the process of undertaking that task.

In light of the primacy of Departmental legislation, together with the substantial additional requirements contained in House Bill 973, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on this legislation to allow all parties to focus the necessary time, attention and effort to House Bill 49.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim O'Donald". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tim O'Donald
Chair, BOMA Legislative Committee

cc: Bryson Popham