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Re: HB1

My name is Peter Doo. I am a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a LEED Fellow. I am a past president of USGBC Maryland and AIA Baltimore. I have been a member of the Maryland Green Building Council and a commissioner with the Baltimore City Sustainability Commission.

I would like to add my voice to those in support of HB1, particularly the US Green Building Council Maryland Leadership Advisory Board and the American Institute of Architects Maryland Chapter, both organizations of which I am an active member.

My company, Doo Consulting LLC, is a sustainability consulting company with six staff, including myself. Five of us are Maryland State residents. As the owner of this company and having consulted my staff, I can confidently say that I also represent the five Marylanders in our group with this testimony.

As Maryland taxpayers who work in the world of sustainable design and construction, we understand the costs and benefits that accrue from verified project delivery. Not only can schools cost less to operate and contribute to academic learning opportunities, they really can improve student outcomes. This happens most reliably when there is a verification mechanism in-place. As taxpayers, we'd like to know that we are getting what we are pay for.

If you are skeptical about the ability of buildings to affect student outcomes, my company recently sponsored a presentation of a grant funded research project conducted by Morgan State University, several local architects and an industry expert which demonstrates evidence of improved academic performance resulting from one aspect of green building called Biophilia. <https://cgdarch.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/The-Impact-of-Biophilic-Learning-Spaces-on-Student-Success.pdf>. Other studies are available demonstrating improved cognitive performance of workers in buildings meeting LEED air quality metrics.

The way we build our buildings does make a difference. I hope you will support the amendment to HB1 ensuring the state's investment in public schools is protected with third party certification. The citizens and students of Maryland will thank you.



Also representing: Lorraine Doo, Rebecca Gullott, Megan Knox, Robin DiBlasi