



February 27, 2020

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chair  
House Economic Matters Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Support: HB – 1330 – Underground Facilities Damage Prevention**

Dear, Chair Davis and Committee Members:

NAIOP participated in the HB 1330 workgroup representing commercial land development.

HB 1330 requires that, beginning in October of 2021, newly installed underground facilities be detectable or locatable. The bill also makes changes to reduce the risk of damage caused by horizontal directional drilling and other trenchless technologies. We endorse these provisions as they improve safety and reduce the possibility of accidental damage.

Should the committee consider amendments to the bill, NAIOP would like the opportunity to provide further comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T.M. Ballentine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy  
NAIOP Maryland Chapters -*The Association for Commercial Real Estate*

cc: House Economic Matters Committee Members  
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