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HB 153

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TO: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee
FROM: Nicholas Blendy, Deputy Director of Government Relations
RE: House Bill 153 Public Safety – Maryland Building Performance Standards

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) withdraws its opposition to HB 153 subject to the adoption of amendment 970418/1 (see attached). The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has had a chance to discuss the impact of the amendment with the bill sponsor and now **supports** passage of the bill.

As amended, HB 153 alters the time, from 18 months to 24 months after issuance, within which the Maryland Department of Labor is required to adopt each subsequent version of the Maryland Building Performance Standards.

DHCD understands that DLLR will use this additional time to meet with stakeholders including local jurisdictions required to amend and adopt the ICC code families. DHCD anticipates that this additional time used by DLLR to meet with stakeholders should reduce the amount of time DHCD would need to edit and add additional local changes to the ICC Codes as adopted by Baltimore City.

We respectfully request a report of **favorable with amendment** on House Bill 153 Public Safety – Maryland Building Performance Standards.

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BY: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By
Request – Departmental – Labor)
(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 153
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 20, strike "36" and substitute "24".