

March 3, 2020

The Honorable Kumar Barve
Chairman, House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Opposition of House Bill 1199 (Real Property - County Rental Property Licenses - Requirements and Limits)

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA), representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, opposes House Bill 1199 (Real Property - County Rental Property Licenses - Requirements and Limits).

This measure requires every county to establish a program to license residential rental properties. The cost of the license, and the license requirements, are not clear. It could be expensive and burdensome for a property owner to license their property. Furthermore, the fine for failing to obtain a license is \$5,000, which is very high especially for individuals and small business property management companies.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an unfavorable 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: House Environment and Transportation Committee Members