

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 1479 (Calvert County - Subdivision Plats - Stormwater Management Easements)**

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 1479 (Calvert County - Subdivision Plats - Stormwater Management Easements).

This bill updates the Public Local Laws of Calvert County to include requirements for the preparation and recordation of subdivision plats in the county. This includes a requirement that a subdivision plat be certified by a professional engineer or land surveyor. However, land surveys are largely subjective and do not lend themselves to uniform certifications. Engineering drawings and land survey determinations are the result of professional opinion based on experience, education, and training, not objective scientific facts. Requiring a certification is forcing a square peg into a round hole, and will ultimately provide little value.

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](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: House Environment and Transportation Committee Members