

February 19, 2020

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley  
Chair, Finance Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3E  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Support of Senate Bill 527 (Health Insurance - Policy of Group Health Insurance - Associations)**

Dear Chairwoman Kelley:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, supports Senate Bill 527 (Health Insurance - Policy of Group Health Insurance - Associations).

This measure allows associations and professional employer organizations to provide health benefit plans. This is very beneficial to membership associations – not only would associations like MBIA be able to provide more benefits and value to its members, but the increased availability of health insurance plans would hopefully inspire competitive pricing and reduce the cost of health care for Maryland residents.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable 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: Senate Finance Committee Members