

February 25, 2020

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

RE: Support for Senate Bill 877 (Underground Facilities Damage Prevention - Revision)

Dear Chairwoman Kelley:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, supports Senate Bill 877 (Underground Facilities Damage Prevention - Revision) in its current form.

This bill makes various changes to the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority, its composition and powers, and specifies related procedures for the ongoing protection of underground facilities. This draft was the result of stakeholder input and cooperation. MBIA appreciates the Sponsor's willingness to consider our concerns and incorporate our industry feedback, and we support the bill in its current form.

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.

cc: Senate Finance Committee Members