



February 25, 2020

The Honorable Delores G. Kelly, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Support: SB – 877 – Underground Facilities Damage Prevention

Dear, Chair Kelly and Committee Members:

NAIOP participated in the SB 877 workgroup representing commercial land development.

SB 877 requires that, beginning in October of 2021, newly installed underground facilities be detectable or locatable. The bill also makes changes to reduce the risk of damage caused by horizontal directional drilling and other trenchless technologies. We endorse these provisions as they improve safety and reduce the possibility of accidental damage.

Should the committee consider amendments to the bill, NAIOP would like the opportunity to provide further comment.

Sincerely,

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy
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cc: Senate Finance Committee Members
Nick Manis – Manis, Canning Assoc.