

February 24, 2020

The Honorable Anne Healey
Chair, House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
361 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Opposition of House Joint Resolution 1 (Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Implementation of a Climate Mobilization Effort)

Dear Chairwoman Healey:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, opposes House Joint Resolution 1 (Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Implementation of a Climate Mobilization Effort).

While we appreciate the intent and are supportive of measures to protect the environment, this joint resolution is too ambitious and expensive to be viable. Given the breadth of the actions contemplated under the joint resolution and the likely costs to achieve the GHG emission reduction and the other goals identified, compliance would be prohibitively expensive. Passing this resolution would result in a significant increase in State and local expenditures, and the home builders who make up the backbone of our State economy. At a time when Maryland is heavily investing in other significant programs, passing this resolution is simply not fiscally responsible.

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 Appropriations Committee Members