

March 30, 2021

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
House Appropriations Committee
House Office Building, Room 121,
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: SB 551 Workgroup on School Construction Incentives

Dear Chairwoman McIntosh:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the **SB 551 Workgroup on School Construction Incentives**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would establish a workgroup on school construction incentives and study the long-term effects on construction decisions. MBIA Respectfully supports this measure. The public concern about school overcrowding in Maryland has become endemic to the political architecture of this state. Over the last several years there has been a tremendous concern, but little understanding of the causes on school overcrowding as well as a reluctance to create the facilities and implement the re-districting policies that are needed to alleviate the problem. MBIA supports the creation of a workgroup to study and make recommendations for ways we can begin to build the infrastructure and facilities necessary to combat this crisis.

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: Members of the House Appropriation Committee