

January 21, 2021

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
2 West Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: SB119 (Clean Water Commerce Act)

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in **the discussion surrounding SB 119**(Clean Water Commerce Act of 2021). MBIA **Supports** the Act, but has some concerns.

This bill would transfers \$20,000,000 dollars from the Chesapeake Bay restoration fund which was established in 2004 to improve infrastructure, air quality, the overall environmental health of the Chesapeake Bay. MBIA is concerned about the reallocation of those funds for any other purpose since the initial fund was put in place for a purpose that has not yet been fulfilled. We also have some concerns about the shift of money away from the Urban sector to other sectors with out getting any credits for those reductions.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an favorable report however take our concerns in to consideration. 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 Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee