

February 9, 2021

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis
House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231,
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Support of HB 684 (Professional Land Surveyors - Surveying Practice - Definition and Licensing Exception)

Dear Chairman Davis:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the **HB 684 Professional Land Surveyors - Surveying Practice - Definition and Licensing Exception**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would alter the definition of land surveying to include using different technologies and methods to create accurate and precise location data. MBIA supports the use of expanded technologies to create land surveys. Allowing the industry to keep pace with expanding technological capacity will ultimately create a more efficient and cost efficient industry. This would also make the findings and data gathered by land surveyors more accessible to the public and allow for greater public scrutiny of topographic data.

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 Economic Matters Committee