

January 28, 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 64(Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Handwashing Facilities on Construction Sites) with Amendments

Dear Chairman Davis:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding HB 64 (Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Handwashing Facilities on Construction Sites). MBIA Supports the concept of the bill, however we think there should be some additional clarifying language.

This bill would require construction sites to offer handwashing stations facilities for workers. Multiple different contractors are often working on a single project and it is impractical to suggest that they all provide handwashing stations simultaneously in a limited space. Current OSHA standards are already comprehensive and require the use of handwashing stations based on the number of employees present on the site and not provided by individual employers. There is no need to substantially change the OSHA standards and little evidence that it will make a significant difference in the spread of the COVID -19 Pandemic. We have attached the OSHA standards to our testimony and request that these standards be implemented in to the bill.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report with these considerations. . 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