

February 10, 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: Support of SB 446 (Department of the Environment – Supplemental Environmental Projects Database

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in **SB 446 - Department of the Environment – Supplemental Environmental Projects Database** MBIA Supports the Act in its current version.

This bill would require the department of the environment to create and maintain a database of supplemental environmental projects that can be undertaken as part of a settlement. MBIA supports this measure, requiring that companies participate in environmental projects as part of a settlement is a good way to channel them into public works. Having a database of approved projects will make it much easier and more efficient for companies to complete these settlement projects.

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: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee