

January 26, 2021

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve Environment & Transportation Committee House Office Building, Room 251, 6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

## RE: Support of Hb109 (Public Safety- Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards- Adoption)

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA), representing 1,100 member firms of the building industry across the State of Maryland, supports House Bill 109 (Public Safety - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards-Adoption).

This bill Requires the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt by regulation the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as the Maryland Swimming pool and Spa Standards. MBIA believe that this would be a positive-steps towards improving the health and safety of public pools and spas. MBIA also appreciates the state limiting their intervention in the maintenance and care of private property where owners have limited funds and cannot afford to make yearly upgrades to their facilities.

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: House Environment and Stran