

February 16, 2021

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

**RE: HB 528 St. Mary's County – Repeal of Impact Fee – Authorization of Building Excise Tax.**

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide is submitting testimony in SUPPORT of HB 528, St. Mary's County – Repeal of Impact Fee – Authorization of Building Excise Tax.

We want to first thank Delegate Matt Morgan and the delegation for incorporating our comments in the proposal. Repealing this tax would bring down costs of homebuilding due to no longer needing to account sudden tax increases making more units available for affordable housing for low income residents of the county. The repeal is a win for the for the county, allowing more flexibility on the allocation of revenues and funding good sense projects for St. Mary's County.

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](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

Respectfully,

Lori Graf, CEO MBIA

cc: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee