

January 13, 2021

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

RE: HB 129 Environment – Mold Inspections – Standards, Reporting, and Penalties

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding HB 129 Environment – Mold Inspections – Standards, Reporting, and Penalties. MBIA **Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill would require the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation.

MBIA opposes the requirement that this standard be re-evaluated every year. This is an unnecessary expense and will continually expend financial resources on a static problem. Once the standards have been established there is no need for continually reviewing and updating the standards since the problem will remain static and unchanging.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an unfavorable 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 Transportation Committee