

February 24, 2021

The Honorable William C. Smith Jr.  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building,  
2 East Wing 11 Bladen St.,  
Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: Support SB 686( Real Property – Condominiums, Homeowners Associations, and Cooperative Housing Corporations – Virtual Meetings)**

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding SB 686 Real Property – Condominiums, Homeowners Associations, and Cooperative Housing Corporations – Virtual Meetings. MBIA Supports the Act in its current version.

This bill would allow the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or cooperative housing corporation to hold meetings electronically. MBIA supports this measure. Allowing meetings to be held electronically would make meeting easier to organize and more widely available and convenient for members to attend. Additionally, during the current pandemic limiting gatherings of people for meetings that can easily be conducted electronically is a matter of public safety.

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](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee