

March 3, 2021

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass
Chairman, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241 House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support HB 1244 (State Procurement – Concrete – Preference)

Dear Chairman Pendergrass:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 1244 State Procurement – Concrete – Preference**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would require that the state give preference to type 1L or bended cement or concrete mixes. MBIA respectfully supports this measure. This bill would require the use of higher quality graded materials that meet or exceed the engineering expectations of the state. Mandating the use of high-quality product will save the state money in the long term because the life of the resulting structures will be longer and require fewer repairs.

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 Health and Government Operations Committee