

February 16, 2021

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis  
House Economic Matters Committee  
House Office Building, Room 231,  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: HB 653 Joint Committee on Workforce Development**

Dear Chairman Davis:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding HB 653 Joint Committee on Workforce Development. **MBIA Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would create a Joint Committee on workforce Development. MBIA supports this measure due to the positive impact that it will have on the State economy. After the COVID-19 pandemic it is imperative that we create an economic strategy that will kick start the economy and give people an opportunity to maximize their earning potential. Creating a task force to gather data and study potential shortfalls, beneficial education practices, useful apprenticeship programs, and technological training will create a better, more efficient and higher earning population. Advancing economic well being across the state.

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).

cc: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee