

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh  
House Appropriations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 121,  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: HB 806 Building Standards and Emissions Reductions – High Performance, State, and Local Government Buildings, State Operations, and Eligible Projects**

Dear Chairwoman McIntosh:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the **HB 806 Building Standards and Emissions Reductions – High Performance, State, and Local Government Buildings, State Operations, and Eligible Projects**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would alter the definition of high-performance building to include schools and public safety buildings. MBIA supports this measure. While we discuss how to combat climate change and create climate it is important that the Stat take a leading role. MBIA supports changing the definitions of High Performance Buildings and we look forward to working with the State government to upgrade schools and public safety buildings to meet these standards.

We know that Climate Change is a priority in this state. We believe that the State Government should lead the way on these initiatives, prior to requiring private entities to make significant and costly changes that will have adverse effect on housing affordability.

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 Appropriations Committee