

February 1, 2022

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

RE: Support HB 68 - Interagency Commission on School Construction – Systemic Renovation Projects – Eligibility

Dear Chairwoman McIntosh:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the **HB 68 - Interagency Commission on School Construction – Systemic Renovation Projects – Eligibility**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would expand eligibility for systemic renovation projects to receive funding from the Supplemental Public-School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public-School Construction Facilities Fund. MBIA respectfully supports this measure. One of the major public concerns across the State of Maryland is the adequacy of school facilities to meet the demands of an increasing student population. Allowing the state to help finance more projects to improve the capacity of schools to meet student needs will help to maintain the high standards of education in the state of Maryland as the population grows and the demographics change over time. Additionally, renovation projects to expand school capacity take less time and show a faster benefit than new school construction which is time consuming and requires a large up-front cost. MBIA supports the use of efficient state funding to meet Maryland's education needs.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the House Appropriations Committee