

February 9, 2022

The Honorable Guy Guzzone Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Support SB 314 Income Tax – Mechanical Insulation Installation Tax Credit

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding SB 314 Income Tax – Mechanical Insulation Installation Tax Credit. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would allow a credit against the state income tax for the installation of Mechanical Insulation if the expense exceeds \$10,000. MBIA respectfully supports this measure. Mechanical insulation provides a significant reduction in energy costs for buildings by reducing the heating and cooling requirements. The installation of more efficient insulation will help achieve Maryland's climate goals. Since this insulation has high initial costs, MBIA supports expanding access to it by allowing for a state tax credit that incentivizes its use. It crates long term cost reductions and MBIA supports expanding its use where possible.

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: Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee