

February 8, 2022

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

RE: Opposition HB 365 Public School Construction - Fossil Fuel-Based Energy System Costs - Prohibition (Green School Construction Act of 2022)

Dear Chairwoman McIntosh:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the **HB 365 Public School Construction - Fossil Fuel-Based Energy System Costs - Prohibition (Green School Construction Act of 2022)**. MBIA **Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill would prohibit school construction from utilizing a fossil fuel-based energy system. MBIA respectfully opposes this measure. While maintaining the health and climate viability of the State of Maryland is important it should not be done at the expense of children's education. Schools are an essential part of the educational process and they need to be available for students. Prohibiting the use of fissile fuels in construction will drive up the price of school construction which already carries a significant financial burden. While MBIA respects the push to utilize greater renewable energy in Maryland, there are much more significant areas in which to make cuts that do not drive up the costs of making education more accessible.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an unfavorable 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 House Appropriations Committee