

March 10, 2022

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building,  
2 West Wing 11 Bladen St.,  
Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: Support SB 744 Housing and Community Development – Affordable Housing – Listing and Disposal of Excess Real Property**

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 744 Housing and Community Development – Affordable Housing – Listing and Disposal of Excess Real Property**. MBIA Supports the Act in its current version.

This bill would require the department of planning to provide a list of excess real property owned by the State to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes of determining whether any of the listed properties are suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing. MBIA supports this measure. Housing opportunities in Maryland are already scarce and finding places to develop new property is difficult. Re-evaluating the use of property owned by the Department of Housing and Community Development and using it to address this problem is something that benefits all Marylanders.

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 Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee