

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Honorable C.T. Wilson  
House Economic Matters Committee  
House Office Building, Room 231,  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: Opposition HB 145 State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop work Orders**

Dear Chairman Wilson:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 145 State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop work Orders**. MBIA **Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill would allow the Commissioner for Labor and industry to issue a stop work order for work sites where they make a determination that there has been a prevailing wage violation. MBIA respectfully opposes this measure. The requirement to stop work after an initial determination followed by a full investigation is placing the punishment before a definitive determination of wrongdoing. This bill includes no notice that a stop work order may be imminent and it is unclear what procedures will be followed to determine if a violation has occurred.

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](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee