

February 2, 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 of SB 90 Department of the Environment – Supplemental Environmental Projects Database

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding SB 90 Department of the Environment – Supplemental Environmental **Projects Database**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would require the department of the environment to create and maintain a database of supplemental environmental projects that can be undertaken as part of a settlement. MBIA supports this measure, requiring that companies participate in environmental projects as part of a settlement is a good way to channel them into public works. Having a database of approved projects will make it much easier and more efficient for companies to complete these settlement projects.

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 Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee