

February 22, 2022

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Environment & Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251,  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: Support HB 705 Land Use - Reporting - Annual Reports and Development of New Housing**

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 705 Land Use - Reporting - Annual Reports and Development of New Housing**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would require the Department of Planning to generate a report on residential building permits for the General Assembly Based on local data. MBIA respectfully supports this measure. Maryland currently faces a significant housing shortage. MBIA recognizes that accurate and unbiased information must be obtained in order to combat this issue and create a system where housing is available to everyone who needs it. This data will enable the General Assembly to take steps to correct inefficiencies and make more informed legislative decisions.

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 House Environment & Transportation Committee