

7 February 2022

Chairman Kumar P. Barve  
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support for HB 0814  
Statewide Green Business Certification Program

Dear Chairman Barve and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

On behalf of AIA Maryland and the nearly 2,000 Architects we represent, we ask for your support of this bill to establish and administer a statewide green business certification program to recognize businesses operating in a manner that reduces their environmental footprint and provide consumers with information on how to identify those businesses. This bill will update and enhance the existing statewide green business certification program.

The certification program will recognize businesses that operate in a manner that reduces their environmental footprint and provide consumers with a way to identify businesses that have been certified as green businesses. Further, this bill will leverage the assets of the states existing Maryland Green Registry with the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program which has been in place for 12 years

We support this bill to provide consumers including homeowners, small businesses and large businesses with tools to enable smart choices in the marketplace of goods and services. This bill will help everyone reduce and combat negative environmental impact as they shop and use our local businesses in our communities.

AIA Maryland and its membership care deeply about Maryland's built environment and we support this legislation to allow consumers to make educated decisions through the use of "green businesses" in our communities. AIA Maryland is glad to support this bill.

Sincerely,



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Director, Past President

cc: Delegate Emily Shetty