

February 22, 2022

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

RE:

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **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.

cc: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee