

February 25, 2022

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

**RE: Support HB 834 On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Outreach and Education (Septic Awareness Act of 2022)**

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 834 On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Outreach and Education (Septic Awareness Act of 2022)**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would establish Septic Smart Week and would require the department to use the US environmental Protection Agency Education materials for the purposes of improving Septic maintenance. MBIA wholeheartedly approves this measure. Septic systems are a necessity for households that are unable to be connected to public water and sewer and while builders do everything they can to insure that a top-quality septic system is installed, there is little we can do to improve maintenance practices. MBIA supports educating homeowners on how to protect and maintain these systems so that they can save money on repair costs and continue to have a well working water and sewage system.

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