

February 16, 2022

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

RE: HB 595 Department of the Environment – Supplemental Environmental Projects Database

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 595 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 House Environment & Transportation Committee