

March 6, 2023

The Honorable Brian Feldman
Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
2 West Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Letter of Support SB0429 Business Regulation – Home Improvement Commission – Award Limits

Dear Chairman Feldman:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB0429 Business Regulation – Home Improvement Commission – Award Limits**. MBIA **supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill increases the limit, from \$100,000 to \$200,000, on the amount of money the Maryland Home Improvement Commission may award from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund to all claimants for the acts or omissions of a single contractor. MBIA supports this measure, as it gives our industry access to more funds without creating staffing issues or shortages within MHIC.

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 Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee