

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Kumar Barve
Chairman, House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support of HB 0182 Real Property – Unlawfully Restrictive Covenants – Modification by Municipalities

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 0182 Real Property – Unlawfully Restrictive Covenants – Modification by Municipalities**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill authorizes a municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant for a property within the boundaries of the municipality after providing persons with an ownership interest in the property with 30 days' written notice. MBIA respectfully supports this measure. We believe that if anyone is implementing unlawful restrictive covenants, there should be measures to stop that from happening. We wholeheartedly agree that no covenant should ever restrict ownership based on race, religious belief, or national origin.

For these reasons, MBIA looks forward to working with the sponsor of the bill to clarify the intent and support the bill.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: House Environment and Transportation Committee Members