

March 2, 2023

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

RE: Letter of Opposition HB1195 Development Transparency Act of 2023

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB1195 Development Transparency Act of 2023**. MBIA **opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill requires a certain entity seeking any waiver or exemption from or authorization under any zoning regulation, zoning map amendment, conditional use permit, final development plan, or other land use authorization to publicly disclose the name of each individual that owns the entity, including any individual that owns an affiliated entity; and generally relating to disclosure requirements. MBIA opposes this measure, as we believe it intimidates developers, builders, engineers from testifying on any zoning issue. This bill singles out our industry and makes us look like we are trying to cheat the system when we are not.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee adopt the proposed amendment and give this measure an **unfavorable** 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