

February 23, 2023

The Honorable Melony G. Griffith
Senate Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
3 East Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: MBIA Letter of Support with Amendments SB 413 Apprenticeship 2030 Commission

Dear Chairwoman Griffith:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in **SB 413 Apprenticeship 2030 Commission**. MBIA **Supports** the Act with amendments.

This bill would establish the Apprenticeship 2030 commission to make recommendations on how to expand access to apprenticeships. MBIA supports this measure with amendments. The building industry is one of the major employers and proponents of apprenticeship programs across the state. MBIA currently runs an apprenticeship program aimed at building industry skill trades such as carpentry. Because this commission is of such importance to the industry and impacts the access to education of many people in the skill trades that our members rely on MBIA requests that a representative from our organization be added to the commission.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a **Favorable** report with Amendments. 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 Finance Committee