

February 23, 2023

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

RE: MBIA Letter of Support with amendments HB 550 Maryland Energy Administration – Energy Programs – Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act)

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 550 Maryland Energy Administration – Energy Programs – Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act)**. **MBIA Supports** the Act with Amendments.

This bill would extend the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment program duration through 2026. MBIA supports this measure. This program allows for businesses and individuals that have a need for recharging station to apply for funding of up to 40% of the installation costs for an EV charging station. This bill takes advantage of market forces by incentivizing individuals that see a need for the charging stations to install them and not mandating a universal installation requirement. This ensures that the resources are efficiently allocated to the communities that need them without imposing additional costs on those that do not.

MBIA would like to ask for consideration of more funding. The State has goals of drastically increasing the number of Electric Vehicles on the road. In order to do this, we need more incentives and more infrastructure in place for the Electric Vehicle program. In addition, we would like clarification that the Builder can apply for the incentives (not just the homeowner). This is especially important for our Multi Family Builders. We look forward to working with the State to create more infrastructure in the State for Electric Vehicles.

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 House Environment & Transportation Committee