

February 28, 2023

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
2 West Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: MBIA Letter of Support SB 548 Maryland Energy Administration – Energy Programs – Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act)

Dear Chairman Feldman:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 548 Maryland Energy Administration – Energy Programs – Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act)**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

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.

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, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee