

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary  
Ways & Means Committee  
House Office Building, Room 131,  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: Opposition HB 142 More Local Tax Relief for Working Families Act of 2023**

Dear Chair Atterbeary:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 142 More Local Tax Relief for Working Families Act of 2023**. MBIA **Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill would alter, from 3.2% to 3.7%, the maximum tax rate that a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income, subject to certain limitations. MBIA opposes this measure, as we believe that any raise in taxes makes Maryland more expensive to live in and hurts our competitive advantage. Also, this bill would create economic uncertainty with differing tax rates in each county.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee 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](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: Members of the House Ways & Means Committee