

March 1, 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 HB 831 Environment - Septic Systems - Online Database

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding HB 831 Environment - Septic Systems - Online Database. MBIA Supports the Act.

This bill would require the department of education to maintain and develop an online database of septic systems and require the Department of the Environment to establish a workgroup to oversee its development an population. MBIA supports this measure with amendments. As the largest representative of builders and developers that install these systems across the state we requires that this bill be amended so that a member of MBIA will be represented on the workgroup overseeing the database.

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 House Environment & Transportation Committee