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TO: ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
RE: H.B. 840 – CLIMATE, LABOR, AND ENVIRONMENT EQUITY ACT OF 2023
POSITION: OPPOSE

The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) oppose H.B. 840 which before you today for consideration.

The bill as written would require the Department of the Environment and local jurisdictions the ability to conduct a certain evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits. We believe that this will significantly increase the amount of time that it will take to complete a project. The additional time will undoubtedly increase the cost of the project as well.

We understand the desire to achieve environmental equity in communities that are largely impacted. However, it is our belief that H.B. 840 would unnecessarily burden an already lengthy process and will not achieve the legitimate goals that the bill sets out to accomplish.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on H.B. 840.

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