

February 9, 2023

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

RE: Opposition SB 250 Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement (Better Together to Save Our Weather Act of 2022)

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 250 Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement (Better Together to Save Our Weather Act of 2022)**. MBIA **Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill would require that individual counties create their own individual climate action plans to be submitted to the Department of Energy for review. MBIA respectfully opposes this measure. The effort to combat climate change need to be undertaken in a coordinated way and this structure will insure that Maryland has no coordinated policy for combatting this issue. The specific guidelines in the bill do not allow for counties to make their own decisions on what steps they want to use resources to address and a fully electrified grid or fleet of vehicles may not be feasible for each individual county. Additionally, there is no funding mechanisms in this bill to offset the costs of the plans and it will which will result in unfunded mandates in the individual counties hampering their ability to effectively utilize their resources.

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.

cc: Members of the Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee