

February 7, 2023

The Honorable Melony G. Griffith
Senate Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
3 East Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: SB 198 Elevator Safety – Privately Owned Single-Family Residential Elevators – Inspection and Registration Requirements

Dear Chairwoman Griffith:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 198 Elevator Safety – Privately Owned Single-Family Residential Elevators – Inspection and Registration Requirements**. MBIA **Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill establishes that an elevator installed in a privately owned single-family residential dwelling on or after October 1, 2023, is subject to certain inspection and registration requirements. MBIA Respectfully opposes this measure. This bill will have a significant financial impact on houses that install elevators and increase the price of housing. It is already expensive to buy a house in Maryland and this bill will make matters worse. A 2020 study by the National Association of Homebuilders shows that for every \$1,000 increase in the price of a median-priced new home, 2,881 Marylanders will be priced out of the market. Also, it is currently taking about 3 months to get an elevator inspection and this bill will only cause further delays in housing.

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 Finance Committee