

February 19, 2024

The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chairman, House Economic Matters Committee
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: MBIA Letter of Support HB 738 Business Regulation – Licensed Home Improvement Contractors Liability Insurance

Dear Chairman Wilson,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 738 Business Regulation – Licensed Home Improvement Contractors Liability Insurance**. MBIA supports the Act in its current version.

This bill increases the minimum amount of general liability insurance that home improvement contractors must maintain from \$50,000 to \$500,000. We believe this increase will improve confidence in our industry and reduce the risk of financial losses for both consumers and contractors. Adequate insurance coverage can help mitigate the financial risks associated with potential accidents, property damage, or other liabilities on job sites. In the event of a claim or lawsuit, contractors with higher insurance coverage are better positioned to handle the costs without facing financial ruin, which ultimately benefits the stability of our industry.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully urges the Committee to 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 Economic Matters Committee