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To: House Judiciary Committee

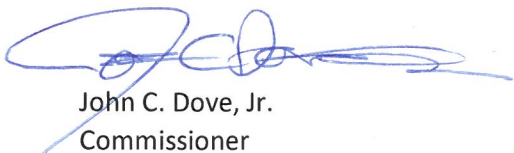
Re: HB 382- Criminal and Civil Trespass Professional Land Surveyors-Exception, Letter of Support

On behalf of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors (the Board), House Bill 382 safeguards professional land surveyors as well as agents and employees of professional land surveyors from criminal or civil liability, when entering a bordering property while conducting official duties of land surveying.

Professional land surveyors frequently need to access bordering properties beyond the parties who contracted them for professional services. House Bill 382 seeks to establish exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against trespassing on property and civil tort on trespass for and generally relating to professional land surveying.

Land surveying is a regulated profession in Maryland. These licensed professionals abide by a code of ethics which includes a responsibility to the public, COMAR Sec. 09.13.01.02. In performing their professional duties, each licensee makes every reasonable effort to protect the safety, health, property, and welfare of the public. Land surveyors are an integral aspect of the design and construction industries in Maryland. The Board respectfully requests a favorable report from the committee. Members of the Board are prepared to answer any questions the committee may have about HB 382.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of John C. Dove, Jr., written in a cursive style.

John C. Dove, Jr.
Commissioner
Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

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Zevi Thomas
Executive Director
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