

February 24, 2025

The Honorable CT Wilson  
Chairman, Economic Matters Committee  
Room 252, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: MBIA Letter of Opposition HB 1162 Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, or Refrigeration Contractors Equipment Sales**

Dear Chairman Wilson,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 1162 Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, or Refrigeration Contractors Equipment Sales**. MBIA **opposes** the Act in its current version.

This bill prohibits a person from selling or knowingly offering to sell heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration equipment to an individual that is not licensed by the Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, or Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors. It also requires all sellers of HVACR equipment to file an annual report that lists the name and license number of each individual that purchased HVACR equipment during the preceding fiscal year. If this bill passes, HVACR suppliers will have to hire additional staff to track every sale, verify if a buyer is licensed or not, provide written notices to unlicensed buyers, and submit an annual report. While large retailers might have the resources to comply with the requirements in the bill, this will severely impact smaller suppliers who might not be able to afford the additional staff or delegate the duties to other staff members.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully urges the Committee to 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](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee