

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: MBIA Letter of Support SB250 Department of the Environment – Fees, Penalties, Funding and Regulation

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, supports **SB250 Department of the Environment – Fees, Penalties, Funding and Regulation**.

This bill authorizes the Department of the Environment to charge fees for processing sewage disposal and well construction permits. It also establishes fees for certification programs, requires oil transfer license holders to pay fees upon initial transfer into the State, and creates the Private Dam Repair Fund. MBIA supports this measure.

We appreciate the Committee’s decision to place a cap on the maximum possible fee at \$575 plus a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment on the sewage disposal and well construction permits. This was our primary concern in the 2024 Legislative Session.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee