

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 with Amendments SB290 Natural Resources – Roadside Tree Removal Permit Notification Act**

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB290 Natural Resources – Roadside Tree Removal Permit Notification**.

Senate Bill 290 requires an applicant for a roadside tree removal permit to provide notice of the application to adjacent property owners and the governing body of any common ownership community that has control over the land on which the tree subject to the application is located. This measure will only add more delays and costs to the development process.

The bill requires landowners to provide a notification of a tree removal permit but there is no process for what happens after the notice is sent. It does not specify whether recipients of the notice have the right to challenge or appeal the permit after approval. We recommend adding language that lays out a clear timeline and process after the notification is sent to avoid open-ended delays.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report with amendments. 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 Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee