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The Honorable Marc Korman
Chairman, Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: MBIA Letter of Support HB 1193 Housing Development Permits – Local Reporting Requirements (Maryland Housing Data Transparency Act)

Dear Chairman Korman,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 1193 Housing Development Permits – Local Reporting Requirements (Maryland Housing Data Transparency Act)**. MBIA Supports the Act in its current version.

This bill requires local jurisdictions to make monthly reports to the Department of Planning regarding housing development permits issued by the jurisdiction. Maryland currently faces a housing shortage of approximately 96,000 housing units. If nothing changes, that number will increase by 5600 units per year. The National Association of Homebuilders reports that the estimated rent of a Maryland Housing Units is more than 30% of household incomes state wide with 25% of people spending more than 50% of their income on housing. In order to address this problem, we need a concerted effort to make housing available and affordable to the residents of this state.

In order to solve the housing shortage, we need to come up with a comprehensive solution to a very complicated problem. By collecting more data regarding residential building or development permits, it will allow local jurisdictions to be more transparent and report information that the public deserves. The ultimate goal for the State of Maryland should be to establish housing targets and work with the counties to reach those goals for housing.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee 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 Environment & Transportation Committee