

February 3rd, 2025

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment & Transportation Committee
Taylor House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: MBIA Letter of Opposition HB 24 Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses – Connection to Existing Municipal Wastewater Facility

Dear Chairman Korman:

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 **HB 24 Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses – Connection to Existing Municipal Wastewater Facility**.

This bill allows the Bay Restoration Fund to include funds for the cost of connecting properties using an on-site sewage disposal system to an existing municipal wastewater facility in low-income areas. MBIA supports this measure, as connecting more buildings to municipal wastewater facilities will reduce the need for individual septic systems and will eliminate the burden and costs associated with installing an individual septic system. By setting an income limit of \$300,000, the bill allows many Maryland homeowners, particularly in low-income areas, to access the funding needed to connect to a municipal wastewater facility.

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