

January 30, 2025

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

**RE: HB 299- Real Property- Governing Bodies of Common Ownership Communities- Member Training**

Dear Chairman Korman:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 299 – Governing Bodies of Common Ownership Communities- Member Training. MBIA Support the Act with Amendments.**

This bill requires each member of the Board of Directors or officer of a council of unit owners to complete a training curriculum. While we support the concept of this legislation, we suggest that any officers appointed by the declarant should be exempt from the training requirement.

On page 2, line 13, the following language should be added, “and is not appointed by the developer or an assignee of the developer or is otherwise an representative of the developer.”

On page 11, line 8, the following should be added “and is not appointed by the declarant or an assignee of the declarant or is an representative of the declarant.”

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report with the suggested 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 House Environment & Transportation Committee