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TO: HEALTH AND OPERATION COMMITTEE
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
RE: H.B. 304 –STATE PROCUREMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND PROCEDURES
POSITION: SUPPORT

The Associated Builders and Contractors of Maryland support H.B.304. We believe this legislation will significantly enhance the fairness, efficiency, and transparency of Maryland's state procurement system, ultimately benefiting both the state and the businesses that serve it.

The debriefing provision will provide valuable feedback to unsuccessful bidders, allowing them to understand the evaluation process and improve their future proposals. This transparency will foster greater trust and confidence in the procurement system.

The inclusion of clauses related to changes in law will help to mitigate risks for both the state and contractors, ensuring fair adjustments for unforeseen circumstances. The revised change order requirements will improve clarity and consistency in contract modifications, reducing disputes and streamlining project execution.

The clarified timelines and definitions regarding protests will provide stronger protections for bidders, ensuring a fair and timely resolution of disputes.

The provisions regarding contract claims, including the ability to recover certain defense costs, will create a more equitable and predictable framework for resolving disputes.

The provision for appeals to the Appellate Court of Maryland will provide a clear and accessible path for resolving complex legal issues related to procurement contracts.

This legislation addresses several critical areas of the procurement process, fostering a more efficient, fair, and accountable system for all stakeholders. On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC members in Maryland, we respectfully request a favorable report on H.B. 307.

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