

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 130, 131
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: HB846 - Transportation Access and Revenue Act

Dear Chair Atterbeary:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 846 - Transportation Access and Revenue Act** - MBIA **Opposes** the Act in its current version.

This proposal would seek to alter/change the definitions of "taxable price" and "taxable service" for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the sales and use tax to impose the tax on certain transportation-related services.

This tax expansion proposal is being considered as a way to cover funding gaps in the Transportation trust fund created by numerous unfunded policy mandates and costly legislation passed in recent years. However, expanding the definition of taxable services in this case of transportation related services is only going to increase the costs for everyday people utilizing certain that services that are loosely tied to transportation.

The addition of 'construction' as an example is vague into what that would apply to. Fully understanding the current situation that Maryland is in from a budget and fiscal standpoint and that all options are on the table, continuing to find ways to add taxes to service is not going to lead more revenue.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an Unfavorable 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 Ways and Means Committee