



16 February 2026

The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone  
Chair of the Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support for SB 116  
Board of Public Works – Contract Review – Climate and Sustainability Information

Dear Chair Guzzone and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

I am writing to voice AIA Maryland's support for Senate Bill 116 – Board of Public Works – Contract Review – Climate and Sustainability Information. AIA Maryland represents nearly 2,000 architects in the state of Maryland and advocates for the profession and the quality of the built environment. From our work prior to passage of the High Performance Building Legislation back in 2008, AIA Maryland has advocated for our state funded projects to lead by example. We have set goals as a state to achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions toward our net-zero emissions goal for 2045 and stating those clearly with every project gives us a chance to confirm that we are heading in the direction toward success in achieving that goal.

State and jurisdictional Requests For Proposals (RFP's) typically clearly state project goals, and the selected teams will have already identified their intended project path forward. We encourage you to support this legislation and begin at the start of a project award to be fully aware of climate and sustainable goals when funding the project. As designers, we work at the start with predicted data toward achieving Climate and Sustainable goals and once the buildings are constructed we can assess the operational data to see if predictions made were accurate and to see if operational adjustments can be made to enhance efficiency of operations.

AIA has many member firms that have joined our initiative called the AIA 2030 Commitment, tracking toward achieving net zero carbon built environment by 2030. This legislation aligns closely with our goals as an organization, and we strongly believe that being clear about goals and measuring progress will ultimately lead us toward a built environment that we can all be proud of. We are pleased to support this bill and we ask for your to vote in favor of SB 116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Parts", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Parts, AIA  
Director, Past President, AIA Maryland