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**TO:** Economic Matters Committee  
**FROM:** Maryland Department of Labor  
**DATE:** March 4, 2026  
**RE:** HB1180 State Board of Architects – Grounds for Discipline – Requirements

**POSITION: Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian and members of the Committee,

I write this letter on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Architects (the Board). House Bill 1180 would grant the State Board additional authority to enforce professional standards by allowing it to reprimand or suspend licensees practicing in the State.

In addition, HB 1180 will help combat fraudulent activities related to unlicensed practice in architecture and construction. This bill also fosters greater collaboration among all code officials on regulatory matters, ensuring the safeguarding of the health, safety, welfare, and property of Maryland citizens. HB 1180 will provide public benefits now and into the future; therefore, the Board respectfully requests a favorable report from the committee. Members of the Board are ready to answer any questions the committee may have regarding HB 1180.

Respectfully,

/s/Zevi Thomas  
Executive Director  
Maryland Board of Architects