

February 10th, 2026

The Honorable Kriselda Valderrama
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: MBIA Letter of Support HB 243 Land Use – Comprehensive and General Plans –
Alteration of Elements**

Dear Chair Valderrama,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 243 Land Use – Comprehensive and General Plans – Alteration of Elements**.

This bill is a step in the overhaul of the requirements for comprehensive and general plans for charter counties and other local jurisdictions. While we were initially concerned that the Counties will not have the capacity to implement the changes this bill brings, we are confident this overhaul of comprehensive and general plans will be a great change for housing in Maryland. Strong comprehensive planning is important to meeting our goal of closing the gap on our 100,000 housing-unit shortage. MBIA believes these changes will allow for Counties to plan for future growth more effectively. By establishing a clear structure for local comprehensive plans, the bill improves the structure of our state's land use, transportation, housing, and economic development policies. The new requirements in this bill will provide for better long-term predictability for local communities.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable 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 Economic Matters Committee