

March 10, 2026

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

RE: MBIA Letter of FWA HB 1452 - Economic Development - Prince George's County Suitland Development Authority - Established

Dear Chair Valderrama,

The Maryland Building Industry Association is providing testimony Favorable w/ amendments to the legislation establishing the Suitland Development Authority in Prince George's County.

We support the goal of revitalizing the Suitland community and recognize the importance of coordinated investment and planning to support long-term economic development and neighborhood improvement. Establishing a development authority could help focus attention and resources on advancing redevelopment opportunities and improving quality of life for residents.

However, amendments are necessary to ensure the Authority operates with clear accountability, coordination with existing county planning and economic development entities, and transparency in its financial activities and decision-making. Clarifying governance structure, oversight mechanisms, and the process for modifying the Authority's boundaries would help ensure the Authority complements—not duplicates—existing redevelopment efforts.

With these improvements, the legislation could provide an effective framework to support strategic revitalization in Suitland while maintaining appropriate oversight and collaboration with local stakeholders.

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