

SB0653 (HB01180)

Date: February 23, 2026

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill Title: State Board of Architects – Grounds for Discipline – Requirements

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Committee,

I write this letter on behalf of the Maryland State Board of Architects (the Board). Senate Bill 653 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, SB 653 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. SB 653 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 SB 653.

Respectfully,

/s/ Zevi Thomas
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Architects
