

March 3, 2020

The Honorable Kumar Barve  
Chairman, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Support of House Bill 1519 (Homeowners Associations - Assessments - Lien Priority)**

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA), representing 100,000 employees of the building industry across the State of Maryland, supports House Bill 1519 (Homeowners Associations - Assessments - Lien Priority).

This bill clarifies that, in the event of a home foreclosure, the amount of the remaining lien must be paid to the governing body of a homeowners' association (HOA) before the disposition of any funds to a lot owner. This ensures that the HOA has a higher priority than the homeowner, protecting the HOA and giving the HOA an opportunity to get the money it is owed without having to rely on the struggling homeowner to pay the HOA directly. This approach is reasonable and fair.

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](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: House Environment and Transportation Committee Members