

January 28, 2020

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser
Ways & Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 131,
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Opposition to HB 330 (Effective Corporate Tax Rate Transparency Act of 2021).

Dear Chairwoman Kaiser:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 330 Effective Corporate Tax Rate Transparency Act of 2021**. MBIA Opposes the Act in its current version.

This bill would require that corporations submit along with their income taxes a itemized explanation of their effective tax rate and the effects of individual tax deductions and credit on that tax rate. This bill would place the burden of doing economic research on individual companies. The accounting and financial analysis would be an additional imposed cost on publicly traded companies that is unwarranted. If the state wishes to gather information about the effects of its tax policies then it should be willing to bear the burden of the costs of gathering and synthesizing that information. This bill will put Maryland at a competitive disadvantage to other jurisdictions.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an unfavorable 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 Ways & Means Committee