



February 5, 2021

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Support - SB 93 – Architects – Scope of Licensure

Dear, Chair Pinsky and Committee Members:

The NAIOP Maryland Chapters represent more than 700 companies that develop and own commercial, residential, industrial and mixed-use real estate. On behalf of our member companies, I am writing in support of SB 93 which would increase the maximum cost of projects that can be undertaken before state law requires employment of a licensed architect.

NAIOP believes the raising the maximum project cost is appropriate because the current threshold of \$5,000 has not kept pace with increasing construction costs.

Generally, the nature of the building renovation or repair is a more important factor than project cost for the General Assembly to consider when deciding when to require a licensed design professional. Our support for the bill is based on our reading that the bill does not expand the scope of building elements that require an architect.

For these reasons NAIOP respectfully recommends your favorable report on SB 93.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Ballentine".

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy
NAIOP Maryland Chapters -*The Association for Commercial Real Estate*

cc: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee Members
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