

January 27, 2021

The Honorable William C. Smith Jr.
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
2 East Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: SB 315 Vehicle Laws - Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles - Reserved Parking Spaces

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding SB 315 Vehicle Laws - Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles - Reserved Parking Spaces. MBIA Supports the Act in its current version.

This bill would impose fines on the parking of non-electric vehicles or loitering in electric vehicle parking spaces. MBIA supports this bill. Installation of electric vehicle infrastructure is expensive and it is important that it be utilized as efficiently as possible so as not to inflate estimates of the needed infrastructure changes. This bill, by requiring that the spots be made available to the drivers that need them will result in a much more efficient allocation of economic and energy resources.

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.

cc: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee