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Senator Guy Guzzone
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Recommendations for Senate Bill 0045
Income Tax – Credit for Energy Efficiency Upgrades – Passive Houses

Dear Senator Guzzone and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

I am writing to voice AIA Maryland's support for Senate Bill 0045. AIA Maryland represents nearly 2,000 architects in the state of Maryland and advocates for the profession and the quality of the built environment. As architects we work every day to design the future now, including addressing the changing climate. The economic benefit in this bill encourages homeowners to make upgrades to their home which would increase the energy efficiency and therefore better the environment while also decreasing the burden on fuel and utility consumption. While the maximum \$2,000.00 tax credit offered is not enough to offset the entire expense of these type of upgrades, we believe that it is a nice incentive for those that were likely pursuing these upgrades anyway.

AIA Maryland and its membership encourages steps to improve the quality of Maryland's built environment, especially those items which address the changing climate. Therefore, AIA Maryland is happy to support the intent of this bill.

Sincerely,



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