

February 23, 2023

The Honorable Benjamin S. Barnes
House Appropriations Committee
House Office Building, Room 121,
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Letter of Support HB0625 Maryland Historic Trust – Historic Preservation Partnership Program and Fund – Established

Dear Chairman Barnes:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB0625 Maryland Historic Trust – Historic Preservation Partnership Program and Fund – Established**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill establishes the Historic Preservation Partnership Program in the Maryland Historic Trust to implement and encourage the preservation of historic properties in partnership with a qualified cooperating nonprofit organization. Our members that deal with historic properties will benefit a great deal from this measure, as they will get adequate financial assistance from the State for various preservation projects. Establishing this fund will ease financial burdens on historic property owners, and help us continue to preserve our state's history.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the House Appropriations Committee