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The Honorable Maggie L. McIntosh  
Chair, Environmental Matters Committee  
House Office Building, Room 250  
6 Bladen Street  
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**RE: Support of House Bill 1195 (Land Use - Rail Station Overlay Districts)**

Dear Madam Chair:

The Maryland State Builders Association (MSBA), representing 2,300 member firms state wide, supports House Bill 1195 (Land Use - Rail Station Overlay Districts).

This measure authorizes a local jurisdiction to create a rail station overlay district and requires the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) in consultation with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to develop standards and guidelines to establish these districts and a model ordinance for locals to use to adopt the districts. A rail station overlay district can be used to help promote and facilitate commercial and residential growth close to transit systems. This type of transit oriented development is an important component to building Smart Growth communities. Both MDP and MDOT have programs to incentive transit oriented development.

MSBA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Katie Maloney at 410-263-0070 or katmaloney@verizon.net.

cc: House Environmental Matters Committee Members