

## **National Association of Surety Bond Producers**

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Ms. Mary Jo Childs Procurement Advisor Board of Public Works 80 Calvert Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Public Comments concerning proposed changes to regulations contained in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.06.07.01

Dear Ms. Childs:

On behalf of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP), a national trade association whose membership includes firms employing resident and non-resident licensed surety bond producers placing surety bonds in Maryland, throughout the United States and its territories, I am writing to you to express our support of the changes recommended to COMAR 21.06.07.01, and other applicable sections, which removes all language and references allowing individual sureties to write bonds on public works projects in Maryland.

We trust that the Board of Public Works will advise all Maryland state agencies of the proposed revisions to COMAR and the changes to the State Finance and Procurement Article §13-207 or §17-104, Annotated Code of Maryland, that individual sureties are no longer permitted to write surety bonds on state public works projects.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.464.1217 or lleclair@nasbp.org.

Yours sincerely,

Larry LeClair

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