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All Members of the Howard County Council,

Andrea LeWinter has an outstanding resume. She has been a member of the Maryland Bar Association since 2006 and has both legal expertise and experience in zoning and land use issues. I am a 10 year Howard County resident and voter and fully support Mr. LeWinter's appointment to the Board Of Appeals. Please bring the nomination to a vote as scheduled on November 17th.

Respectfully,
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Good Afternoon,

Please accept the attached as MBIA's Testimony on CR215-2025. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

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November 17th, 2025

The Honorable Liz Walsh
Howard County Council Chair
3430 Court House Drive
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RE: Letter of Opposition CR215-2025 Appointment – Andrea LeWinter – Board of Appeals

Dear Council Chair Walsh,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide with a strong presence in Howard County, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **CR215-2025 Appointment – Andrea LeWinter – Board of Appeals**.

We would first like to voice general concerns regarding the nature of this vacancy. The Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial body that sits as a neutral factfinder to resolve zoning and land use disputes. Its effectiveness depends on independence, impartiality, and freedom from political pressure. All parties appearing before the Board are entitled to due process and a fair hearing based solely on the criteria of law. At a time when Howard County and the State face a well-documented housing shortage, the development community must have confidence that cases will be reviewed objectively, without political influence or bias.

We also have concerns regarding the nominee, Ms. Andrea LeWinter. Ms. LeWinter is a well-known opposition land use attorney in Howard County and has represented community opponents in numerous high-profile cases. Her prior representations would create ethical conflict issues if any community she previously represented appeared before the Board, or if any developer she previously opposed appeared before the Board, and would call into question the fairness of the process. Attorneys who regularly practice before the Board, whether for developers or opposition groups, should not serve as its members, as doing so undermines the appearance of neutrality that is essential to a fair process.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Council to vote against **CR215-2025 Appointment – Andrea LeWinter – Board of Appeals**. For more information about our position, please contact Alex Andelsman at 301-461-2384 or aandelsman@marylandbuilders.org.

Cc: Members of the Howard County Council