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To: House Economic Matters Committee

From: Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters Local #423

Subject: House Bill #163

Date: January 31, 2020

Position: Strongly Oppose

Dear Honorable Delegate Davis and Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to review my testimony. I am a 25-year member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Council Representative for the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. I represent Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties. I strongly oppose the "Right to Work Bill" HB #163. Our members often work for multiple contractors and working under a Collective Bargaining Agreement gives them the ability to have a solid pension plan, provide health insurance for their families and when time to be able to retire with honor and dignity.

"Right to Work" legislation would make it even harder for us to be able to collectively bargain. There have been no proven economic facts to support the idea that this legislation will improve the economy. There are studies however that this legislation does lower wages and decreases the number of people with health insurance.

In ending just want to reiterate that, I strongly oppose HB #163 and will do everything I can to show opposition to this bill.

Thank You,



Robert L. Reckart

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