



## **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB163**

### **House Economic Matters Committee**

#### **Right to Work**

**February 4, 2020**

Dear Chairman Davis and members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, I am writing to respectfully but vehemently oppose HB163. Right to work laws are strictly aimed at limiting the power of workers to join together and fight for their rights in the workplace. These harmful policies drive down wages and benefits for EVERYONE. The right to organize is of paramount importance to workers and is responsible for the tremendous gains over decades in workplace safety and the standard of living for employees.

The benefits of right to work laws simply do not exist as advertised. Studies have shown that they do not raise wages. They do not lead to job growth. They simply benefit the few at the top at the expense of the many. We respectfully ask the committee to continue to protect Marylanders' right to organize and oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

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