



Maryland House of Delegates – Economic Matters Committee
Chair Dereck E. Davis
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**House Bill 956 - Labor and Employment - Wage Payment and Collection -
General Contractor Liability**

Position: OPPOSE

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council oppose House Bill 956.

This legislation is not needed and is unnecessary. In the 2018 MD General Session House Bill 1539/SB 853 Labor and Employment - General Contractor Liability for Unpaid Wages was passed and enacted as Chapter 846 and Chapter 17 respectively on May 26, 2018 and became effective October 1, 2018. The law has been in effect for six months and to our knowledge has not created any undue burden to General Contractors or sub-contractors. The purpose of House Bill 956 legislation is to shift the burden of due diligence for proper wages from the employer onto the very workers that are most at risk for being victims of wage theft and are the least equipped to respond, and are already disinclined to come forward about wage theft for a host of reasons.

We ask the Committee for an unfavorable report.

Thank you.

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