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TO: ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
RE: H.B. 1448- COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRY- CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES
AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS- GUIDELINES
POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes H.B. 1448 which is before you today for consideration. The bill would require the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop guidelines relating to the classification and treatment of employees and independent contractors. Not sure why we need legislation to get the Department to issue guidelines on subject matter already in existing law.

We are especially concerned with the language in the bill dealing with including language from the Property Tax Article and where is the connection between the two very different subjects referenced in the bill. We are also concerned with the penalties outlined in the certification requirements that could result in a contractor not being considered in good standing with the Department.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on H.B 1448.

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