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Testimony for HB0991

Health and Government Operations Committee

Good afternoon Madame Chairwoman, Madame Vice-Chairwoman, and esteemed members of the committee. I am Delegate C.T. Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present **House Bill 991 entitled Procurement-Transparency and Application to County Contracts.**

Bill Overview:

Altering the definition of "unit" for the purposes of applying certain provisions of law governing procurement to certain county procurement contracts using State funds or for the benefit of the State; requiring certain invitations for bids and requests for proposals to include certain instructions; altering the period of time within which a unit is required to publish a certain notice of award in a competitive sealed bid or sole source procurement in eMaryland Marketplace; etc.

Bill Outline:

1. Expands upon the definition of "unit."
2. Require GOSBA oversight so that MBE Procurement goals are met.
3. Make all documents, solicitations, and notifications public to successful and unsuccessful bidders.
4. Notification must be made public within 15 days rather than 30 days.
5. Bid protests be made within 10 days of contract award publication.

Conclusion:

This bill aims to alleviate home improvement contractors from having to debt collectors due to partial payment laws.

Thank you for your time and I request a favorable consideration for this bill. I am open to any questions or concerns you may have about HB991.