

HJ 7 - 2026 FIFA World Cup - Protection of Human Rights  
House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee  
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Chair: Delegate Anne Healey  
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On behalf of the 9,000 members of UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO, we urge you to support the House Joint Resolution on the 2026 FIFA World Cup Protecting Human Rights.

Local 1994 represents 9,000 workers in throughout Maryland.

The billions of dollars possibly generated by the World Cup coming to Baltimore and Washington, DC, open the possibility of human rights' abuses in seeking the almighty dollar. In other countries who've hosted mega sports events, exploitation of labor in preparation for the event has become all too common.

We can plan for this possibility by pledging to protect our citizenry from abuses, whether it be from discrimination, labor rights' violations, or other human rights' violations.

While there's always room for improvement, Maryland has generally been in the vanguard when it comes to protecting human rights and we're proud of Maryland's commitment to human rights and labor rights.

We urge you to pass this resolution so we can ensure that workers, attendees, travelers, Maryland communities, and our economy ALL benefit from the biggest sporting event in the world.