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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HJ 7 – 2026 FIFA World Cup – Protection of Human Rights
House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
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TO: Hon. Anne Healey, Chair, and members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

FROM: Mary C. Plaine, Secretary-Treasurer, The Musicians' Association of Metropolitan Baltimore, Local 40-543

The Musicians' Association of Metropolitan Baltimore supports HJ 7 and asks that the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee votes to support it and send it on to the full chamber for passage.

The World Cup Games have a checkered past on **valuing human rights** and workers' rights in host countries. In an effort to mitigate potential problems going forward, FIFA has worked with labor rights and human rights organizations to adopt the "Proposal for a United Human Rights Strategy" for the games in 2026. Passing the Senate Joint Resolution will give Baltimore and the District of Columbia a better chance to become host cities for the 2026 World Cup, and it will reaffirm Maryland's commitment to human rights and labor rights, ensuring that workers, attendees, travelers, Maryland communities, and our economy ALL benefit from the biggest sporting event in the world.

Again, The Musicians' Association of Metropolitan urges members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee to vote FOR HJ 7.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Plaine
Secretary-Treasurer

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