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**TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS**  
**RE: H.B. 603- COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION-  
ESTABLISHING REGIONAL CAREER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS**  
**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) supports H.B. 603 which is before you today for consideration. The bill authorizes Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot Counties to establish a regional career and technical education school (CTE). The bill requires that two or more of the county boards may establish a CTE regional school.

H.B. 603 will have a tremendous impact on the students, schools and families located in the area where the school will be constructed. It will open a number of opportunities in high schools that presently do not have the facilities available.

On behalf of the over 1,500 business members, we respectfully request a favorable report on H.B. 603.

Thank you.

**Robert Zinsmeister, Director  
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