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House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee

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House Bill 037 - Procurement Prevailing Wage Applicability

Position: SUPPORT

HB037 should be law in the State of Maryland. This bill is for the youth that are coming out of high school, so they could live a productive life, and future. If this bill becomes a law in the State of Maryland it would keep surety bond law, so small business can get a chance to bid in the construction field, because some kids just do not want to go to college. Apprenticeship programs, small businesses, and our youth is how our economy grows in the state of Maryland.

Apprenticeship programs teaches about numerous of construction trades. All trades have a certain amount of school they have to attend. The good thing about apprenticeship programs is a person works while they go to school, so they earn money. At the end of each apprenticeship program upon graduation he or she becomes a journeyman which is the top of the field that they have chosen.

I am a small business owner that represents roofer local 301. The name of my company is called Yancey roofing and waterproofing LLC, my certifications are MBE, SBE, DBE, ACDBE, and SDVOSB which is Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business. I also use apprentices, but I have to win bids to keep the youth in school and working.

Small business play a big role in the economy. Our youth today need to learn a trade, or go to college, all people are not college bound. They probably have a problem with finances, or they just rather work. Let's give youth a chance to decide.

I approve of HB 037. The surety bonds to stay small, so small businesses like myself can have a fighting chance to win bids and keep apprenticeships programs going on. The big companies should not dominate the workforce or trades.