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Testimony for HB 1254

Appropriations Committee

Good Afternoon Madame Chair, Vice Chair and esteemed members of the committee,
I am Delegate C.T Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present:

House Bill 1254: Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals-Positions-Law Clerks

Bill Overview:

Requiring the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals to employ at least three law clerks who are graduates of certain law schools; and providing that the Board has at least three more positions than the number of positions authorized in fiscal year 2022.

Outline:

The MSBCA has three Board members (judges) and two staff. The agency has experienced backlogs in processing cases/appeals. At the same time, the General Assembly has expanded the Board's jurisdiction to include bid protests related to minority business enterprises and more recently, appeals related to sports wagering license applications.

Conclusion:

This legislation is to ensure the Board can effectively handle the cases brought to it.

Thank you for your time and I request a favorable report for **HB 1254**.