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Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee

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House Bill 1250 Maryland Solar Investment Tax Credit and Task Force to Study Solar Energy Incentives

Position: **SUPPORT**

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports House Bill 1250. Tax incentives are public dollars and should be used to benefit and support working families. The solar and wind energy industry does not currently provide family sustaining wages and benefits comparable to employment in the nuclear, natural gas, fuel oil or coal industry. As Maryland is intent on moving away from the use of fossil fuels and increasing its reliance on renewable energy it is imperative to set the labor standards and conditions for the installation and expansion of these utilities. Prevailing wages which include apprenticeships provide the trained certified and licensed skilled crafts persons that will install these systems safely and economically. The establishment and execution of a plan for outreach, recruitment, and retention of Maryland residents to perform work on the project—including residents who are returning citizens, women, minority individuals, and veterans—with an aspirational goal of 25 percent of total work hours performed by Maryland residents, including individuals in one or more of the groups identified. The application and protection of these standards will protect Maryland's working men and women and empower Maryland's middle class.

We ask the committee for a favorable vote. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jeffry Guido - Baltimore-DC Metro Building Trades Council

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