



**Eastern Atlantic States**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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TESTIMONY

HB172: UNION DUES AND EXPENSES TO INFLUENCE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Honorable members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

On behalf of the Eastern Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters (EASRCC), our 41,000 skilled construction workers and apprentices in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, North Carolina and some 3,000 carpenters right here in the State of Maryland, I write today in strong support of HB172.

This legislation seeks to help hard working Marylanders deduct union organizing dues, and end the practice of corporations deducting costs for circumventing worker organizing efforts. It's a small step in leveling the playing field for middle class workers, who have been disadvantaged by a tax system that proportionally favors higher earning individuals and corporations.

For these reasons, we request a *favorable* committee report on HB172.

Sincerely,

Mungu Sanchez  
Deputy Political Director