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House Bill 132-Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Services

Journeyman's License

Position: Support

Plumbers & Steamfitters UA Local Union 486, along with our Business Partners the MCA of Maryland, agrees that training is the foundation of an educated, productive workforce. Although Union apprenticeships requirements far exceeds what this bill proposes, (5 years-1000 hours of classroom training) and (5 years- 9000 hours of on the job training), I feel that this bill is a great start towards increasing the requirements to become a licensed Journeyman in the HVACR industry.

Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 486 and the MCA of Maryland invest \$5 million dollars per year in the training of what we believe is the most well educated craftsman and technicians in the Tri-State area.

Legislation that raises the industry requirements to develop better trained, safety conscious, skilled technicians, is beneficial to all Marylanders. The citizens of Maryland deserve to have well trained highly skilled craftsman to service our residential and commercial HVACR needs.

House Bill 132 can insure that all HVACR Contractors are equipped with a well trained, skilled work force.

For these reasons I am asking for a Favorable Opinion for House Bill 132.

Respectfully Submitted,

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