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MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION
MARYLAND

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Maryland House of Delegates – Maryland House Economic Matters Committee

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**House Bill 132 – Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Services –
Journeyman License – Qualifications**

Position: Support

Established in 1927, the Mechanical Contractors Association (MCA-MD) is the premier regional trade association representing responsible, law-abiding job-providers in the plumbing, HVAC, pipefitting/steamfitting fields. Since our founding, MCA-MD has been fully committed to developing well-trained, well-credentialed tradesmen and tradeswomen. To that end, we strongly support HB 132.

MCA-MD contractor members make a substantial financial investment in and are fully committed to the region's leading apprenticeship program. In fact, we invest in and support a total of three such union-affiliated apprenticeship programs across the region - from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore, as well as the Baltimore area. Our commitment to bringing training to all corners of the State is a foundational principle of our mission. Together with our labor partners at UA Local 486, we provide second-to-none career training opportunities and are committed to a life-changing apprenticeship program that represents the backbone of our industry.

Given our industry commitment to excellence, our journeyman/journeywoman model for training and experience has well exceeded the proposed requirements outlined in HB 132 for decades and will continue to do so. Legislation that lifts the industry to develop better and safer trained, higher performing employees is good for employees, employers, and the taxpayers. We believe that House Bill 132 makes good public policy. We respectfully urge the Committee to support the legislation.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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