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The Honorable CT Wilson, Chair The Honorable Brian Crosby, Vice Chair House Economic Matters Committee House Office Building Room 231 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

## Written Testimony of Victoria Leonard on House Bill 1015 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act Seasonal Temporary Workers Position: Oppose

My name is Victoria Leonard, Political and Legislative Director for the Baltimore Washington Laborers' District Council (BWLDC), an affiliate of the Laborers' International Union of North America, or LiUNA for short. The BWLDC represents more than 7,500 members across Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Our members are proudly employed on many infrastructure construction projects across the region.

LiUNA strongly opposes HB 1015. This bill seeks to water down and weaken the existing healthy families' sick and safe statute, a law that is very important to the health and welfare of Maryland residents. This bill is also drafted as an emergency, which is a red flag.

Maryland's sick and safe law should not be watered down or weakened. If anything the law should be made stronger.

Please issue an unfavorable report on HB 1015. This bill should die in committee.