

## **Maryland House of Delegates - Economics Matters Committee**

Chair: C.T. Wilson

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House Bill 0061 - Utility Contractors - Employment and Licensure - Requirements and Application

**Electrical Workers** 

Insulators

Boilermakers

**United Association** 

Roofers

Cement Masons

**Teamsters** 

Laborers

Bricklayers

Ironworkers

**Sheet Metal Workers** 

**Elevator Constructors** 

**Painters** 

**Operating Engineers** 

Carpenters

**Position: Support** 

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports HB 0061. The requirement to hold Utility Contractors to meet a minimum of apprenticeship training with wages, health insurance and pensions for their employees with an outreach for local hire and to provide an opportunity for returning citizens, women, which many are single head of households, minorities and veterans is a good use of our federal tax dollars. These jobs with fair wages and benefits will help to end the cycle of recidivism and the welfare state by providing an opportunity to a career and a middle income life. Those requirements and goals are good for Maryland and our citizens and our businesses. House Bill 0061 is a means to that end.

We urge the Committee for a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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