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Written Testimony of

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Before the

House Economic Matters Committee on

HB 132 – Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Services – Journeyman License –
Qualifications

SUPPORT

February 3, 2023

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of HB 132.

The importance of gaining a certain number of apprenticeship hours under a Master HVACR Mechanic is crucial to ensure that a person has the necessary skills and understanding of codes and practices to properly install and service HVACR systems for public safety and comfort. For example, in Maryland, an apprentice plumber must complete 7200 hours and an apprentice electrician must complete 8000 hours under their respective Master Plumber and Master Electrician in order to take the journey person exams required by the state. Obtaining training and licensing helps protect one's work from unethical competition and House Bill 132 provides a means to achieve this.

For these reasons, I am asking for a **favorable** report on HB 132

Respectfully Submitted,

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