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## Written Testimony of

Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Agent, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the House Economic Matters Committee On

HB 1015

Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Seasonal Temporary Workers

**Oppose**

March 3, 2023

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong **opposition** to **HB 1015**. It is imperative that we prioritize the health and wellbeing of our workers, and this bill would move us in the wrong direction. The last few years have highlighted the importance of ensuring that workers have access to paid sick leave which allows them to stay home when they are sick or caring for loved ones. It is crucial that we maintain the protections put in place by the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act. Watering down this law would put workers and their families at risk, and would send the message that we do not value the health and wellbeing of our workforce.

We have learned that access to paid sick leave is essential for preventing the spread of illness and ensuring that workers can take the time they need to recover without worrying about lost wages or job security. By ensuring workers have access to earned sick leave, we can protect public health and support the economic wellbeing of our communities.

For these reasons we ask for an **unfavorable** report out of committee.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys

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