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The Honorable Melony Griffith, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Griffith and Members:

The Maryland Workforce Association, an association of the 13 public workforce system directors of Maryland's 13 Local Workforce Development Boards and Areas, would like to express its **SUPPORT** of **Senate Bill 172: Employment for Minors - Opportunities for Work**. We also would like to thank Senator Rosapepe for sponsoring this important bill.

The local workforce systems in each community in Maryland provides opportunities for both youth and adult job seekers. Placing Maryland's youth on a career path while they are still in high school is critical and opens the student up to the world of work. This legislation allows local workforce areas information on students in their communities that are entering the world of work by obtaining a work permit through the Maryland Department of Labor. This information is critical so that the workforce board, apprenticeship sponsors, and others can ensure that the student has what he or she needs to thrive.

Again, we thank the sponsor for offering this thoughtful piece of legislation and respectfully request the Committee's support of this measure. If you have any questions about the Association's support of this measure, please contact Brandon Butler, Maryland Workforce Association's Executive Director at [brandon@pinnaclestrategiesconsulting.com](mailto:brandon@pinnaclestrategiesconsulting.com).

Sincerely,

The Maryland Workforce Association