

My name is Justin Otter and I am a Baltimore city resident, and union member of UE Local 197. I support SB 85 because I strongly support the many worker co-operatives in Baltimore. These co-operatives provide fantastic services, are core parts of the communities they serve, and empower their workers to have a fully democratic and equal workplace. As a union member, many local co-operatives have been very supportive of our campaign and we have been able to build strong relationships with multiple cooperatives. The worker cooperatives are part of what make Baltimore a special city, and it should be easier to create and maintain them as they are essential to the communities in Baltimore.