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**SB 231 - State Government - Public Employees Relations Act - Alterations
House Appropriations Committee
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SUPPORT

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Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 231 as currently written. My name is Donna S. Edwards, and I am the President of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO. On behalf of Maryland's 300,000 union members, I offer the following comments.

SB 231 modifies the Public Employees Relations Act by allowing for video conferencing without the need for a public health concern to take place and updating the personnel on the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) to allow for a total of three Deputy Directors, all required to be licensed attorneys to serve. This bill increases accessibility within communication for meetings while ensuring that those selected to serve as Deputy Directors have the necessary legal expertise to interpret the law and fulfill their respective duties.

For these reasons, we urge a favorable vote on SB 231.