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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair of the Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

House Bill 850

Good afternoon, Chair Beidle, Vice-Chair Hayes, and the members of the Senate Finance Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams, and I will be testifying in favor of House Bill 850, also known as **Workgroup on the Creation of a Data Dashboard for Public Work Contracts and Apprentices - Establishment**.

This bill is cross-filed with SB 3 and has been amended since its original introduction to provide for the establishment of a workgroup, staffed by the Maryland Department of Labor, to study the creation of a public-facing dashboard with information regarding workers and wages for ongoing public works contracts. This workgroup would solicit input from a wide range of stakeholders, including members of the House and Senate, a representative from the Department of Labor, a representative from the office of the Commissioner on Labor and Industry, a representative of the Baltimore-DC Building Trades Council, a representative of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association, and a representative of the Steamfitters Union Local 602. This workgroup would then provide recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 7th, 2027 on the best path forward for the creation of this data dashboard.

Studying the development of such a dashboard with the end goal of its eventual implementation would reflect our state's commitment to transparency, fair wages, and the development of a skilled and competitive workforce. By working towards this, Maryland would demonstrate its responsible use of state resources to both workers and taxpayers while elevating our standards for equitable labor practices. For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 850.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Delegate Nicole A. Williams, Esq.