



LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA
LOCAL UNION NO. 616

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 163
Right to Work

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TO: Hon. Dereck Davis, Chair, and members of the House Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Jeremy M. Kennell, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

On behalf of the members and their families whom I represent in the four counties of Western Maryland. I strongly oppose the HB 163.

Since 1936 Laborers' International Union of North America Local #616 has fought long and hard for fair wages and benefits for workers in the construction industry. This bill would not only undermine fair wages and benefits, it also would put contractors, including Maryland Contractors whom pay these fair living wages at a disadvantage. It would also discourage the younger work force who are trying to learn a trade and make an honest living for themselves and their families, from joining the construction industry.

Again, I would like to reiterate that I strongly oppose HB 163 and ask the committee to vote not in favor of passing this bill.