



# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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*To: The Economics Matters Committee*

*From: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers L. U. 307*

*Subject: HB 98*

*Position: Strongly Oppose House Bill 98*

*Dear Honorable Chairman Davis, and Members of the Economic Matter's committee,*

*Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I am the Business Manager of the IBEW local 307. I represent the members in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties in Western M.D.*

*The IBEW represents not only the construction Electricians that kept Maintenance in the paper mill but also the electrical shop in the mill who directly worked for the mill.*

*The employees of the mill and the members of the community have been significantly hit by the closing of the paper mill. The local's members depended on the mill for employment during shutdowns, and capital improvement projects to help them support their families. This has now been taken from them do to the closing of the paper mill. Supporting this Bill will ruin all chances of the mill being purchased and hopefully reopening in the future. Western Maryland has been severely impacted by this and the people of Allegany County should be allowed to have as much employment opportunity as every other county in Maryland by employers that pay a respectable wage and benefits for their families. The IBEW strongly opposes HB 98 and urge you to oppose HB 98*

*Respectfully*

**IBEW L. U. 307**

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