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**BILL NO.:**            **HB 582**

**TITLE:**              Procurement – Prevailing Wage -Applicability

**SPONSOR:**         Delegate Valderrama

**COMMITTEE:**      Economic Matters

**POSITION:**        **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**              February 11, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 582 – Procurement – Prevailing Wage - Applicability. This proposed legislation repeals a limitation on the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to the construction of a public work by revising certain definitions in the current law.

A strong organized labor force is the cornerstone of a strong state. County Executive Olszewski is acutely aware of labor’s importance in Baltimore County. He, like many other Marylanders, grew up in the shadow of the Bethlehem Steel Mill and was embedded in a community that thrived because of strong unions. Now, as many Baltimore County neighborhoods are growing economically, it is essential to ensure our laborers receive a fair wage and fair treatment.

To create new communities and revitalize old ones in Baltimore County, it is essential to protect the jobs created in the construction of public works. HB 582 is an investment in the hardworking people that form the backbone of strong communities.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 582. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.