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FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

RE: H.B. 956- LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT- WAGE

PAYMENT AND COLLECTION- GENERAL

CONTRACTOR LIABILITY

Associated Builders and Contractors supports H.B. 956 before you today for consideration. The bill will provide for a more efficient and less punitive process for employees to be reimbursed for wage violations committed by a subcontractor by creating a window for the employee to notify the general contractor regarding the violation and then a 30-day response time for the contractor to cure the violation.

As stated in the fiscal note, it will allow contractors to cure the violation early on in the process thus assuring that the employee will receive just compensation in a shorter length of time. This addresses the most important aspect of the bill passed last year which was to get the employee paid.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request a favorable report on H.B. 956.

Robert Zinsmeister, Director Government Affairs

