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## **Support Testimony for: SB434**

Madam Chair and members of the committee, I want to thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support for SB434**, titled "*Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Heat Stress Standards.*"

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My name is George Koontz and I am President of the Western Maryland Central Labor Council of the Maryland State & D.C. AFL-CIO. Our jurisdiction is Allegany and Garrett counties in Western Maryland.

Our affiliates members work in all areas of employment and are represented by dozens of different labor organizations. Many of the affiliates have members who are employed in crafts that perform their duties outside in all types of weather.

SB434 addresses the need to have regulations that will protect workers from the occupational exposure to excessive heat that could result in workers suffering serious medical conditions if not properly protected.

On behalf of the Western Maryland Central Labor Council and all our affiliates we urge your committee to give an favorable report to SB434.

Sincerely,

President WMCLC