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TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS  
RE: S.B. 991- APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL-  
JOURNEYWORKER-APPRENTICE RATIOS-  
ELECTRICAL CRAFT OR TRADE  
POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors opposes S.B. 991 which is before you today for consideration. The bill would require the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council (MATC) to adopt regulations establishing a certain ratio of journeyworkers to apprentices in the electrical trades.

The legislation is intended to supersede the actions of the MATC which has already approved the ratio for this industry and this apprenticeship sponsor (IEC). This is precisely one of the responsibilities given to MATC to make these ratio determinations. We support leaving this decision making with the Council and keep the legislative body out of the process.

As one of the leading supporters of apprenticeship programs in Maryland and on behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on S.B. 991.

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