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Written Testimony of

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Before the

House Appropriations Committee on

HB 1237 Budget Bill – Appropriations Statement – Memorandum of Understanding for State Personnel

SUPPORT

February 22, 2021

Dear Madame Chair McIntosh, and members of the House Appropriations Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony supporting House Bill 1237.

For the record, my name is Peter Demchuk. I am a 41-year member, and the Business Manager, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 24 located in Baltimore. Additionally, I am a lifelong resident of Maryland currently residing in District 7 of Baltimore County.

It's vital for collectively bargained agreements to have guarantees on wages and working conditions. This is one of the cornerstones for the entire labor movement. Unfortunately, some of our brothers and sisters are missing out on this critical piece of what it means to be in a union. What good is a contract if there is no money in the budget to fund it? These are tax paying Maryland residents, some of whom kept our state running during a global emergency. They deserve the contract they negotiated to be guaranteed and the only way to do that is to appropriate funds to ensure their wages and benefits.

This is why I'm asking you to give HB 1237 a favorable report.

Thank you,


Peter P. Demchuk

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