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Statement of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 689 **HB1237 - Budget Bill – Appropriations Statement – Memorandum of** **Understanding for State Personnel** **February 24th, 2021**

TO: Hon. Maggie McIntosh, Chair, and members of the House Appropriations Committee
FROM: Brian Wivell, Political & Communications Director, ATU Local 689

At the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689 we represent over 13,000 workers and retirees performing many skilled transportation crafts for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), MetroAccess, DASH, and DC Streetcar among others.

We encourage all members of the General Assembly to support this bill. HB1237 would require the Governor to fully fund agreements reached with state workers, whether those memorandums of understanding were the result of negotiations or arbitrations.

Arbitrations have been a time honored way for the labor movement to settle disagreements with employers. Arbitrations can only work if both parties agree that the terms of the arbitration will actually be adhered to. This is only possible if arbitration agreements are able to be funded. This is a necessary component of promoting collective bargaining in the state of Maryland.

We urge a favorable report.