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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1237

Budget Bill - Appropriations Statement - Memorandum of Understanding for State  
Personnel

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TO: Hon. Maggie McIntosh, Chair, and Members of the House Appropriations  
Committee

**Edward Hohman**  
*President*

FROM: David O'Ferrall, Business Manager, Local 487, I.A.T.S.E.

**Paul Thomas**  
*Vice President  
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Local 487, I.A.T.S.E. supports House Bill 1237. This Bill will show that Maryland supports the working men, women and kin who are working under a memorandum of understanding as State employees.

**Michael Key**  
*Vice President  
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This Bill will be beneficial to State employees because it will bind the Governor to fully funding all terms of any memorandum of understanding between the State and it's workers. To allow the Governor to arbitrarily decide to fund, or not fund, a negotiated agreement sends a bad message, not just to State employees but to any company or individual looking to do business with the State. To be a State that makes deals and then changes the terms unilaterally sends a bad message to anyone who may engage the State in business.

**Ellen Popiel**  
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**David M. O'Ferrall**  
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Unions have fought hard to negotiate, better wages, job-related health coverage and guaranteed pensions for their members. Those improvements help Marylander's families and make the State a better place to work and live. This Bill will show the State's commitment to honoring memoranda and contracts they negotiate. We at Local 487 of the I.A.T.S.E. wholehearted support House Bill 1237 and ask that the committee vote Favorably on passage.