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Maryland House of Delegates – Economic Matters Committee

TO: Delegate Derrick Davis, Chair; and Member of the House Economic Matters Committee.

FROM: Jason Ascher, Political Director – Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

Support HB 20 – Maryland Stadium Authority – Applicability of Prevailing Wage

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and its over fourteen thousand members and families from the United Association Locals across the state, I ask that you **SUPPORT HB 20**.

Tax dollars that get spent need to be used to get the best value for the taxpayer. Prevailing Wage does just this. Prevailing Wage allows for the "prevailing" rate for a given construction craft to apply based on where the construction is happening. It provides small and medium-sized businesses and a local and more diverse workforce to work on a local construction project because it sets a floor on wages and benefits. This wage floor means that larger contractors who bring their workers in from out of state have to complete a level playing field with these local contractors.

The Maryland Stadium Authority gets control of many larger public construction projects across the state, including school construction money coming from the 2020s Built to Learn Act. While the Maryland Stadium Authority is responsible for all of this taxpayer funded construction, it is exempt from the States Prevailing Wage. For the good of the taxpayers, the local businesses, and the local workers, this exemption needs to be eliminated. HB 20 will do just that, putting the Maryland Stadium Authority's construction under the states prevailing Wage.

For these reasons, I ask you to **SUPPORT HB 20**.

Sincerely,
Jason Ascher
Political Director
Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

Plumbers and Gasfitter Local 5 – Camp Springs, MD
Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 10 – Richmond, VA/Roanoke, VA
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 110 – Norfolk, VA
Road Sprinkler Fitters Local 669 – Columbia, MD

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486 – Baltimore, MD
Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 489 – Cumberland, MD
Steamfitters Local 602 – Capitol Heights, MD