



## Maryland House of Delegates - Economic Matters Committee

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### House Bill 581– Labor and Employment –Employment Standards During an Emergency2(Maryland Essential Workers’ Protection Act)

#### Position: Support

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports HB 581. The critical trades sector is composed of professionals trained in any number of key services that are critical to keeping Hospitals, nursing homes, government, offices, residences and other buildings operating. Just some of the professions that can be considered a part of this skilled trade sector include electricians, plumbers, HVAC technicians, carpenter, finishing trades and many others. Maryland considers workers in these trades “critical infrastructure workers,” and recognizes the work they perform as “necessary to sustain and protect life.” While many workers have been teleworking from home, critical trades people have been working to keep projects on time and on budget. While folks have transitioned to spending the majority of their time at home, tradespeople have continued to uphold safety and quality of life standards for all. We urge the Committee for a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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