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To: Chairman Davis and Members of the Economic Matters Committee

RE: House Bill 581/Senate Bill 486

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to House Bill 581/Senate Bill 486. We opened our business in 1988 in Baltimore City and remain there today. As a small construction business, we will be unable to afford the provisions set forth in this legislation- particularly the \$3.00 per hour hazard pay and the financial assistance for health care costs. This will cause an unintended consequence of employees losing hours and/or possibly being laid off. The COVID pandemic has been an unforeseen burden on all of us. Legislation such as this is another obstacle that will further cripple small businesses. In the end, businesses and employees will suffer if this bill passes into law. It is yet another example of government overreach that interferes with the daily operations of commerce and our economy. Please reconsider the passage of this bill. I thank you for the opportunity to voice my concern.

Sincerely,

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