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HB 1007

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On behalf of the 2500 members of the Plumbers & Steamfitters UA Local Union #486, I ask that this committee **SUPPORTS HB 1007.**

As we slowly transition away from fossil fuel to more renewable sources, we must consider its impact on the community, the taxpayer and the displaced workers. Offering renewable energy credits to the end-users of a construction project for utilizing geothermal systems is a great incentive for the Green Energy Sector.

The Terms and Conditions in this bill encourages “High Road Contractors” to lead the way in the expansion of green energy options and discourages suspect low road contractors from procuring these contracts. Taxpayer dollars should be spent on contractors that pay family-sustaining wages and benefits including apprenticeship programs and safety training. Good wages and the taxes generated from them provides the much needed revenue to stimulate Maryland’s economy.

This legislation provides the protections needed for Maryland’s next generation of Geothermal Installers !!

For these reasons I ask for your **SUPPORT OF HB 1007**

Respectfully Submitted By,

Gerald W. Jackson Sr.