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To: MD Senate - Finance Committee

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From: Robert A. Holsey Jr., Business Manager  
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### Senate Bill 035 - Procurement Prevailing Wage Applicability

#### Position: Support

Chairman Kelley, Honorable and Committee Members; I am writing today to ask you for a favorable report on Senate Bill 035. As you know Maryland has the highest prevailing wage threshold in the Country, along with a 50% State funding requirement. SB 035 will eliminate the 50% State funding requirement and will create a level playing field for all contractors seeking work issued by the Maryland Board of Public Works with the monetary threshold of \$250,000.

The International Union of Operating Engineers local 37's signatory contractors are made up of mostly small businesses that employ Maryland residents for their projects. We believe they deserve the opportunity to be competitive on these projects. Let's keep the taxpayer's dollars in the communities where State funded projects are being constructed.

I thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and again ask you for a favorable report on this vital legislation.

Sincerely,

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