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We strongly support HB 611.

Madam Chair and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB-259 Procurement – Prevailing Wage - Applicability. My name is Thomas Killeen Business Representative and Legislative Director for SMART (Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation) Local Union 100. We represent 2,100 working men and women that reside in the State of Maryland, and we ask that you support are Maryland members by supporting HB 611. This legislation will resolve confusion in the Maryland code as to whether “service contracts” are subject to Prevailing Wages and will benefit working families throughout the state.

As you may know the Senate Taskforce on Prevailing wage in Maryland reviews data compiled by the State Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation between 2010 and 2013, which revealed that a 76% of all jobs created by Prevailing Wage contracts went directly to Maryland workers.

In addition, national construction policy expert attorney Gerard Waites of O’Donoghue & O’Donoghue LLP, found some 39 studies on Prevailing Wages overwhelmingly indicate that Prevailing Wage programs increase local skills training programs, stabilize wage rates, increase productivity, and job safety, provide necessary stimulus in the form of local tax revenues, and do not increase overall construction projects costs.

Because of the reasons listed above we ask that you expand Prevailing Wages to State-funded Mechanical Service Contracts.

We ask for favorable report on HB 611.

Sincerely,

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