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The Honorable CT Wilson  
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee  
House Office Building – Room 231  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**SUBJECT: HB 569 – Energy Generation, Transmission, and Storage Projects –  
Required Community Benefit Agreement and Labor Standards  
Position – Favorable**

Dear Chair Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

It is an honor to submit written testimony in support of HB 569. My name is Marshall Brown, and I am the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust, or LECET for short.

LECET brings the Laborers Mid- Atlantic Region of LiUNA and its signatory contractors together to address issues of importance to both laborers and their employers. Currently, we represent more than 35,000 laborers in the Mid-Atlantic Region and more than 200 contractors. Through LECET, laborers and contractors work as a team to secure projects and jobs, increase union-sector market share, develop a workforce, and advance shared market-related interests.

LECET support HB 569 because it will benefit both our members and our contractors. The bill will help our members because it encourages local hiring, both for residents and for businesses, as well as training and safety protocols. HB 569 will help our contractors because it will establish prevailing wage on renewable energy projects. This will level the playing field and provide an opportunity for the high-road contractors LECET represents to bid and win work because wage requirements are set and it makes it harder for low road contractors to win work by lowering wages.

Attached to my testimony are a letters from LECET contractors who want you to know they support HB 569.

Please vote favorably on HB 569.

ATTACHMENTS



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**Statement of Chris Simpson, Carson Corporation**

**on**

**HB 569 – Energy Generation, Transmission, and Storage Projects –  
Required Community Benefit Agreement and Labor  
Standards**

Position - Support

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written statement in support of HB 569.

My name is Chris Simpson. I am the Vice President of Civil Construction at Carson Corporation. Carson Corporation specializes in directional drilling and civil construction. We own and maintain over 75 pieces of earth moving equipment, and earthwork, utilities, paving, retaining walls, concrete and curbing are all performed with our own crews.

Carson Corporation has worked on numerous solar farm projects. We are a union company, and therefore, provide our construction workforce with family-sustaining wages and benefits that include family health insurance and a pension.

Carson Corporation supports HB 569. From a contractors' perspective, requiring prevailing wage on renewable energy projects is very helpful. That's because prevailing wage requirements level the playing field for reputable, high-road contractors like Carson Corporation. Prevailing wage prevents low-road contractors from undercutting high-road contractors committed to paying decent wages and benefits. Prevailing wage signals to high-road companies that they can compete for and win contracts.

Carson Corporation urges the committee to report favorably on HB 569.

Sincerely,

Chris Simpson  
Vice President