



# Plumbers Local Union No. 5

United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO

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## Maryland House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee

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**From:** Michael Canales, Plumbers and Gasfitters Local #5 Member and Business Representative

### **Support HB 526 – Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Plumbing and Fuel Gas Services Licenses and Penalties PG/MC 109–22**

On behalf of the Plumbers and Gasfitters Local #5 and our over 1,800 members, I ask you to **SUPPORT HB 526**. The installation of plumbing and gas fitting pipes and equipment requires extensive apprenticeship and journey person training and instruction. The United Association's Plumbers and Gasfitters Local Union no. 5 does not issue an apprenticeship certificate of completion without passing a journey person/gasfitters exam within its jurisdiction which is primarily the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission district for Prince George's and Montgomery counties. It requires 7200 hours of work under the direction of a Master plumber/gasfitter to sit for the exam to obtain a plumber/gasfitter license. Plumbing and Gas fitting require an occupational license that shows the individual has a working knowledge of the plumbing and gas codes to install, test, maintain and service these systems professionally and safely for the public good.

Respectfully submitted,

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