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Written Testimony of

Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Manager, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the

Economic Matters Committee On

HB 1000 Maryland Earn and Learn Act 2022 - Establishment

Support

March 4, 2022

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **support** of House Bill 1000.

My name is Rico Albacarys and I'm an employee and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 24, in Baltimore.

Apprenticeship is the cornerstone of training for a tradesperson. The critical part of apprenticeship training is that one unskilled worker (apprentice) is paired with one skilled worker (journeyman or master). This on the job training, combined with classroom instruction is the creates the foundation of knowledge for a career in any industry. An apprenticeship should have minimum standards and metrics

to ensure that upon completion, apprentices are skilled and qualified to work on their own, and train future apprentices. They can then receive a license as proof of that qualification.

This is why I'm asking you to vote **favorably** on HB 1000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Albacarys', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rico Albacarys

Assistant Business Manager