"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 611

Procurement-Prevailing Wage-Applicability February 10, 2022

To: Hon. C.T. Wilson, Chair, and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee

From: John O'Connor, Business Manager, IUEC Local #10

Chair Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

Please accept this testimony in support of HB611.

This piece of legislation that expands prevailing wages to service contracts and benefits working families throughout the state. Prevailing wages encourage "local hiring" and promotes workforce training in our own backyard. At a time when there is a skilled labor shortage, Maryland can lead the way in securing the most talented workers in the region. According to over three dozen studies on prevailing wages, this bill will: increase productivity, increase safety measures and keep Maryland payroll money in Maryland. Our members and your constituents deserve the safest workplace possible.

I respectfully ask that you support HB611. Thank you.