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Chair Wilson and honorable members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

On behalf of the MCAMW Women in Mechanical Industry DC (WiMI), I'm writing to express our strong support for House Bill 611, which expand prevailing wages to mechanical service contracts.

Our Local WiMI chapter represents roughly 80 contractor members affiliated with the Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington (MCAMW) and nearly 180 mechanical contractors' signatory to both Steamfitters Local 602 and Plumbers Local 5. We are dedicated to recruiting and providing sustainable pathways towards inclusion for the female population within the mechanical contracting industry. WiMI provides ongoing education for our 50 members based on leadership, technical training and professional development. We strive to inspire and empower each other and to seek out opportunities to promote our local industry and seek to take the initiative to work with the community and cultivate a diverse membership.

We support HB611 because a large percentage of our work performed is service work, which does not currently qualify for prevailing wages and believe it is unfair for the same skilled and licensed workers to be completely different wages for construction, which qualifies for prevailing wages.

This legislation builds a pathway to sustainable jobs, lifelong careers and helping women in the trades excel in our professions. For these reasons we hope for your support of House Bill 611.

Respectfully,

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