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Insulators

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Steam Fitters

Roofers

Cement Masons

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Laborers

Bricklayers

Ironworkers

Sheet Metal Workers

Elevator Constructors

Painters

Operating Engineers

Carpenters

Maryland House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee

Chair: CT Wilson

Vice Chair: Brian M. Crosby

House Bill 708 Comprehensive Climate Solutions

Position: Informational

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council has genuine concerns with the language in the bill and how it will be implemented. The establishment of Labor standards on renewable energy and the upgrading of the power grid is crucial for Maryland's energy future. As Maryland moves forward with its goal of net zero emissions it is imperative that this work is done with contractors and subcontractors who will:

1. Pay the area prevailing wage standard for each trade, including the wages and fringe benefits per trade, and be subject to all state reporting and compliance requirements.
2. Participate in an apprenticeship program registered with the State of Maryland for each trade employed on the project.
3. Have been compliant with federal and state wage and hour laws in the previous three years.
4. Establish and execute a plan for outreach, recruitment, and retention of Maryland residents to perform work on the project—including residents who are returning citizens, women, minority individuals, and veterans—with an aspirational goal of 25 percent of total work hours performed by Maryland residents, including individuals in one or more of the groups identified.
5. Offer health care and retirement benefits to the employees working on these projects.
6. Maintain appropriate license requirements and be in good standing to perform the work.

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c. Exempts the prevailing wage requirement if construction of the renewable energy project is covered by a project labor agreement.

We ask the committee for a favorable vote. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jeffry Guido

Baltimore-DC Metro Building Trades Council

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