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House Economic Matters Committee

To: Delegate CT Wilson, Chair; Delegate Brian Crosby Vice-Chair; and Members of the Committee.
From: Jason Ascher, Political Director, Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association.

HB 526 – Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Plumbing and Fuel Gas Services – Licenses and Penalties

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and our 10,000+ United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitter members across Maryland, I ask you to **SUPPORT HB 526**.

As an organization that who has members that are plumbers and gasfitters, we strongly support this legislation. All our members must receive a license to graduate our apprenticeship program. Licensing ensure that the worker knows not just how to install the water and gas pipes, but how to do it safely. Safely to protect them and safely to protect the community. The biggest problems we see with licensing is enforcement and penalties, which this legislation makes a giant leap forward in setting into place.

For these reasons, I ask you to **SUPPORT HB 526**.

Sincerely,

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Plumbers and Gasfitter Local 5 – Camp Springs, MD
Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 10 – Richmond, VA/Roanoke, VA
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 110 – Norfolk, VA
Road Sprinkler Fitters Local 669 – Columbia, MD

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486 – Baltimore, MD
Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 489 – Cumberland, MD
Steamfitters Local 602 – Capitol Heights, MD