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BILL NO.: House Bill 611

TITLE: Procurement – Prevailing Wage - Applicability

SPONSOR: Delegate Valderrama

COMMITTEE: Economic Matters

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 15, 2022

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 611 – Procurement – Prevailing Wage - Applicability. This legislation would expand the current prevailing wage law for the construction of public works to include mechanical systems service contracts.

All employees in the state of Maryland deserve to be paid a fair and livable wage, and prevailing wage policies are essential to ensuring that this may happen. Early into his administration, County Executive John Olszewski passed local prevailing wage legislation to ensure Baltimore County’s workforce was paid a livable wage and keep the County’s employment opportunities competitive in the current job market.

HB 611 expands current prevailing wage law by altering the definition of “construction” to include mechanical systems service contracts when employed for a public work. These mechanical systems service projects include HVAC, plumbing, electricity, elevator systems, and refrigeration systems. This legislation enhances access to a living wage for workers across the State.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 611. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs at jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov.