



**Eastern Atlantic States**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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**TESTIMONY**

**HB299 / SB224 - Labor and Employment - Employment Standards and Conditions -  
Definition of Employer**

**FAVORABLE**

Members of the Economic Matters and Finance committees:

On behalf of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (EASRCC), our 41,000 skilled construction workers throughout the nation, and the 3,000 carpenters in the State of Maryland, please accept this testimony in support of HB299/SB224.

This legislation broadens the definition of employer to include joint employers for purposes of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law. The bill is necessary to expand the definition in light of a series of federal District Court decisions that have narrowed the definition.

We ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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