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## Maryland House of Delegates - Economic Matters Committee

Chair: CT Wilson

Vice Chair: Brian Crosby

### **House Bill 0145 State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders**

Position: **SUPPORT**

This bill will not penalize contractors that abide by the State's laws and guidelines when bidding a wage rate project. It is a deterrent to Prime Contractors, General Contractors and Sub-Contractors that bid this work with the intent to misclassify their workers and manipulate certified payrolls and abuse the use of so called 1099 independent contractors. There is no labor shortage for employers that pay prevailing rates that include benefits for health care, pensions, and retirement. It is in the public interest that public works projects be constructed and maintained by the best means and highest quality labor available and that persons employed on these projects be compensated according to the real value of the services they perform.

In conclusion:

- Maryland's prevailing wage laws set the requirement that upholds market standards.
- Ensures employers provide wages and benefits.
- Provides access to construction industry jobs through apprenticeship.
- Guarantees a robust mechanism for enforcement.

We ask the Committee for a favorable report.

Respectfully,

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