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To: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee

From: Rodney Rice Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers L.U.307

Subject: HB 611

Position: Strongly Support

Dear Honorable Chair Wilson and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

Thank you for reviewing my testimony. Please accept this testimony in support of HB611 the legislation to expand prevailing wage to the Mechanical systems service contract. I feel that HB611 will be a powerful local job creation tool, this will help harmonize our regional prevailing wage rates for the Mechanical systems service contracts, incentivizing good jobs and outstanding workforce training for local residents.

The senate Taskforce on Prevailing Wage in Maryland review data compiled by the state Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation between 2012 and 2013, which revealed that 76.34% of all jobs created by prevailing wage contracts went directly to the Maryland workers. Some 39 studies on prevailing wage overwhelmingly indicates that prevailing wage programs increase local skilled training programs, stabilize wage rates increase productivity and job site safety, it will also stimulate the local Tax revenues without increasing the overall cost of construction projects costs

For the forgoing reasons, I respectfully ask for your support of HB611 and a favorable committee report.

Respectfully,

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