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Bill Title: *Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning - Apprenticeship and Training Council - Sunset Extension*

Re: Letter of Support

Chair Kelley and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council, I am writing to offer support for SB205, *Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL)- Apprenticeship and Training Council - Sunset Extension*.

This critical bill proposes to reauthorize the designation of the Department of Labor's DWDAL as the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) in addition to reauthorizing the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council (MATC). The bill shifts the sunset from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2034.

I currently serve as Chairman of the MATC and have been a member of the Council since 2014. The MATC consists of 12 members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor with consent from the Senate of Maryland. The Council is responsible for significant oversight functions of Maryland's Apprenticeship system. Primarily, it makes recommendations regarding the formulation and adoption of standards of apprenticeship, which safeguard the welfare of apprentices and ensure alignment with all State and federal regulations related to apprenticeship, licensing, and more.

As a long-standing member of the Council and Registered Apprenticeship community, I attest to the importance of passing SB205 and reauthorizing the MATC for our State. Under DWDAL and MATC's leadership, Maryland has seen tremendous gains in the number of apprentices, number of new programs, diversity of apprentices, and the overall quality of apprenticeship programs in the State.

Passage of this bill is critical to the continuation of DWDAL and MATC's efforts to expand and diversify Registered Apprenticeship in MD, and to maintain the high quality of these opportunities.

As Chairman of the MATC, I respectfully ask for a favorable report from the committee on SB205.

Thank you for your consideration.

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