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TO: The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair, Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Hannibal G. Williams II Kemerer
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RE: HB0145 – State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders –
Letter of Support

The Office of Attorney General urges this Committee to favorably report HB 145. If passed, Delegate Crosby's bill will take effect on October 1, 2022. This legislation would authorize the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to issue stop work orders for each work sit where the Commissioner's made an initial determination that a contractor or subcontractor may have violated the prevailing wage requirements. The bill would also authorize prime contractors to terminate contracts with subcontractors without incurring liability if the subcontractor has a stop work order issued against them. Finally, the legislation authorizes the Commission to impose penalties of up to \$5,000 per day for each stop work order that is violated.

House Bill 145 is strong policy for workers and scrupulous contractors who pay their workers the prevailing wage. If passed and aggressively enforced, this bill will level the playing field among contractors by creating incentives for them all to pay their workers the prevailing wage-at minimum.

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges a favorable report of the House Bill 145.

cc: Committee Members