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**TO: APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTOR**

**RE: H.B. 1122 – MARYLAND CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AND INNOVATION FUND – FUNDING - ALTERATION**

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) supports H.B. 552 which is before you today for consideration.

This bill will increase the mandatory appropriation for the Maryland Construction Education and Innovation Fund that is required to be included in the annual budget bill by the Governor from \$250,000 to \$625,000 beginning in fiscal year 2025.

We feel that the addition funding will help financially support construction companies in its efforts to hire and retain Maryland workers.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC members in Maryland, we look forward to the opportunity to work together to build a well-trained and sustainable workforce for an evolving and sustainable economy. We ask that you favorably support H.B. 1122.

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