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The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair of Maryland House Economic Matters Committee
3 East
Miller State Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Wilson,

I'm writing to you to express strong Support of House Bill 1097. As the owner/ principal of JOURNEYMAN Mechanical Contractors, **House Bill 1097** ensures subcontractor protection and prompt payment from Owner and General Contractors after the completion of contracted work.

Company Information/ background:

Location: Crofton, Maryland

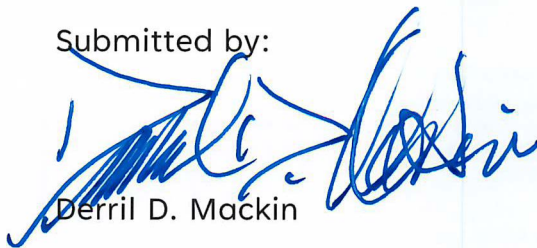
- 27 Employees
- 38 Years in business
- Union Signatory Contractor of Local Union 602, Local 100, and MCAMW Member

The prompt payment from General Contractors is important, and a key facet for my company's successful cash flow. What happens to our small Business, is Owners and General Contractors are allowed to use Subcontractors like

myself as a "FREE BUSINESS LOAN" with a no interest payment, or any other financial obligation.

House Bill 1097 is vitally important of improve small business' cashflow. The passage of this bill, will ensure our payroll obligations, including health and welfare benefits payments are met. Companies will be able to operate, (purchase equipment, and supplies. All while reducing overhead costs. This unethical practice of allowing poor payments facilities not only, employee layoffs but also, unfortunately a negative credit rating for small companies.

Submitted by:



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