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**HB 414 - Washington County - Electricians - Registration and Licensing
House Economic Matters Committee
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OPPOSE

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Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 414. My name is Donna S. Edwards, and I am the President of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO. On behalf of Maryland's 300,000 union members, I offer the following comments.

HB 414 undermines the intent of the 2021 Maryland Electricians Act that established a statewide standardization of licensing and registration processes.

Legislation pending before the General Assembly right now updates the law with revisions to eliminate any unclear language. HB 414 undermines both the intent of the Maryland Electrician's Act and the potential revisions. HB 414 creates a distinction between licensed electricians and restricted electricians without clarifying what they mean. There is no definition in the bill or anywhere else for restricted electricians.

We urge the committee to issue an unfavorable report for HB 414.