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## **RE: HB-414 Opposition**

For the record, my name is George Koontz. I am the President of IBEW Local 307 and the President of the Western Maryland Central Labor Council. I am employed through the Local as a licensed electrician. I am a lifelong resident of Maryland currently residing in Allegany County.

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.

Our Council urges your committee to your committee to issue an unfavorable report for HB 414.

Sincerely,

George A. Koontz  
President