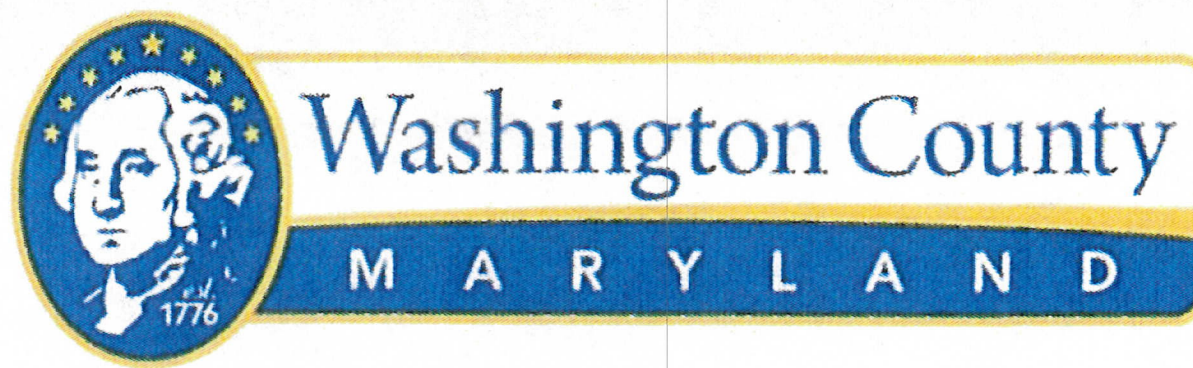


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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND**

February 3, 2023

Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 326; Washington County – Electricians – Registration and Licensing: Support

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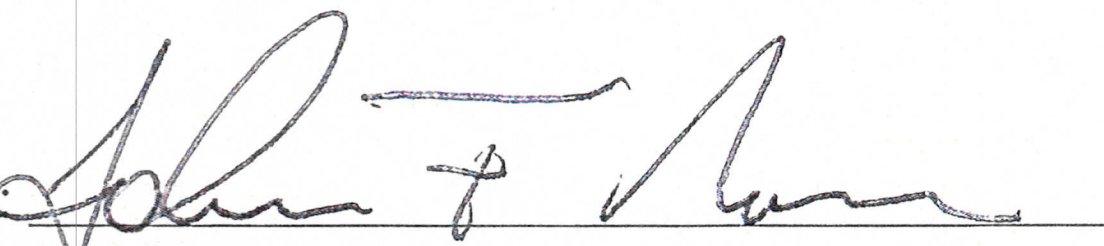
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Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
John F. Barr, President

cc (via email): Senator Paul D. Corderman
Senator Mike McKay

SB 326 Sen Corderman Testimony.pdf

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Education, Energy, & Environment Committee
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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 326 Washington County – Electricians – Registration and Licensing

Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy,
& Environment Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 326 this afternoon. SB 326 simply updates Title 8 of Washington County's Code of Public Laws so that it follows changes made at the state level due to the passage and implementation of the Maryland Electricians Act (2021, SB 762). This legislation is fully endorsed by the Washington County Board of Commissioners and their letter of support is included in the testimony submitted for this bill.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 326.

Sincerely,

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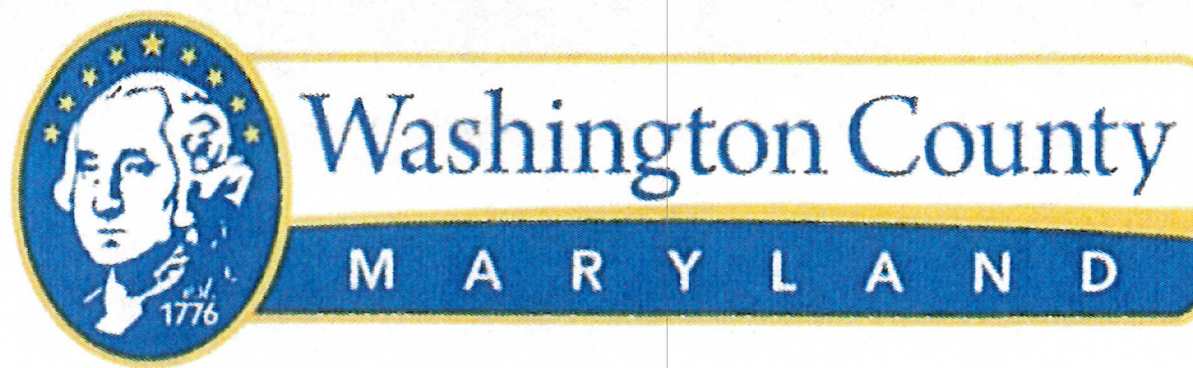
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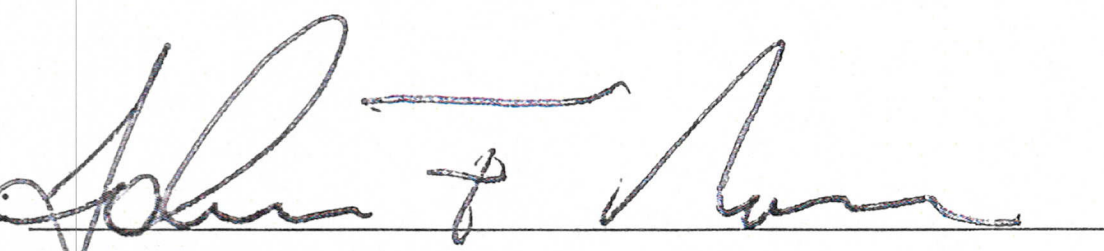
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WASHINGTON COUNTY DELEGATION

January 31st, 2023

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Miller Senate Office Building 2 West
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Feldman,

The Washington County Delegation voted unanimously to support “SB0326 (HB0414) Washington County – Electricians – Registration and Licensing”. We respectfully request your support of this bill as amended.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by email at William.Wivell@house.state.md.us, or by phone at 410-841-3447.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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William Wivell, Chair
Washington County Delegation

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Written Testimony of

Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Agent, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee On

SB 326 Washington County – Electricians – Registration and Licensing

Oppose

February 13, 2023

Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my **opposition** to **SB 326**. I acknowledge the efforts you have made to standardize the procedures for electrical licensing across the state, and I strongly believe that this bill is both confusing and unnecessary.

One of the main objectives of standardizing the procedures was to eliminate the need for each county to have its own set of procedures. However, SB 326 seems to run counter to this goal, as it includes provisions for quarterly testing, which were meant to be conducted at the state level. Additionally, the bill references classifications such as "Restricted Electrician" that do not exist in the current State statute, adding to the confusion and making it inconsistent with existing state laws.

For these reasons we ask for an **unfavorable** report out of committee.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys

Assistant Business Agent IBEW Local 24

SB 326 - Washington County - Electricians - Regist

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**SB 326 - Washington County - Electricians - Registration and Licensing
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
February 14, 2023**

OPPOSE

**Donna S. Edwards
President**

Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO

Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 326. 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.

SB 326 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. SB 326 undermines both the intent of the Maryland Electrician's Act and the potential revisions. SB 326 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 SB 326.

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SB 326 - Washington County - Electricians - Registration and Licensing Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

February 14, 2023

OPPOSE

**Rodney E. Rice
Business Manager
IBEW Local 307**

Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 326. My name is Rodney Rice and I am the Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 307. Our jurisdiction covers Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties.

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 326
WASHINGTON CO. -ELECTRICIANS-REGISTRATION & LICENSING
February 14, 2022

TO: Brian Feldman, Chair, & members of the Senate Education ,Energy & Enviro Committee
FROM: Tom Clark, Political Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26

Chairman Feldman and distinguished members of the Committee, I respectfully ask that you **oppose SB 326** in its entirety. I am not sure the goal of the sponsors of this bill, but it raises more questions than it intends to solve. With all due respect, this piece of legislation is “Out of left field.”

As you are probably aware, the 2021 Maryland Electricians Act (MEA) addresses many issues that apprentices, journeyman, masters and contractors have been encountering for years. I, along with many others, worked on this Bill (The Maryland Electricians) for years during legislative sessions and summer work groups. The bi-partisan leadership of Senator Cory McCray and Delegate Kevin Hornberger, led the MEA across the finish line. And now, SB 326 wants to circumvent the Maryland Electricians Act. The MEA takes care of licensing and allows jurisdictions like Washington County to register apprentices, journeymen and masters. The scary part is that SB 326 wants to add another category, “The Restricted Electrician”. Which is not defined in SB 326 and opposes the law that the General assembly passed...The Maryland Electricians Act. Here is how SB 326 attempts to define a “registered electrician”:

“Restricted Electrician” means any individual who has been found competent by the Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors to engage in limited fields of electrical work.

OR

A “Restricted Electrician” permits any licensed individual to engage in the business of and to hold himself or herself out to the public as engaged in the business of installation and repair of the particular category of electrical equipment and apparatus described in the rules and regulations of the Board and on the license.

Both these definitions are too vague for a piece of legislation before the General Assembly and much too vague and arbitrary to allow someone to work with voltage safely. Please allow the Maryland Electricians Act to constitute safety for electricians and businesses in our great state. Please **oppose** this hastily written bill **SB 326**. Thank you





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