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Maryland Senate- Education, Energy, and the Environment

Chair: Senator Brian Feldman

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Sponsor:

Senate Bill 23 - Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, And Refrigeration Services – Journeyman License

Position: Support

Plumbers & Steamfitter's Local Union #486, along with our business partners MCA of MD, agrees that training is the foundation of an educated productive work force. Although Union apprenticeship requirements far exceeds what this bill proposes, (5 years-1000 hours classroom) and (5 years -9000 hours of on the job training), I feel that this bill is a great start towards increasing the requirements to becoming a licensed journeyman in the HVACR industry.

Plumbers & Steamfitter's Local Union 486 and the MCA of Maryland invest \$5 million dollars per year in the training of, what we believe is the most elite, well educated craftsmen in the DMV.

Legislation that lifts the industry standards to develop safer and better trained craftsman is good for the citizens who depend on highly skilled craftsman to service their residential and commercial needs. This legislation will also serve to enhance the work force for all HVACR Contractors. Our mantra is "Do It Right The First Time".

For these reasons I'm asking for a Favorable Opinion for Senate Bill 23.

Respectfully submitted,

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