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Before the House Ways & Means Committee On

HB 398 Economic Development Tax Credit Programs - Qualified Position and Qualified Employee - Definitions

Support

February 13, 2023

Madame Chair Atterbeary and Committee Members,

My name is Rico Albacarys and I am a proud member and employee of IBEW Local 24 in Baltimore. With over 13 years of experience in my field, I have been fortunate enough to earn a living that supports my family. However, I understand that not everyone in Maryland is as lucky. I have seen firsthand how businesses are often rewarded for creating jobs without any consideration for the quality of those jobs. This is a problem that continues to affect many individuals who are struggling to make ends meet.

As a taxpayer, I believe that public money should be used wisely to incentivize the creation of good jobs. That's why I am reaching out to you today to ask for your support on House Bill 398. This bill ensures that our tax dollars are being used to reward businesses for creating quality jobs with fair wages and benefits. In these challenging times, it's more important than ever to support policies that uplift working families.

I ask that you please vote **favorably** on **HB 398** and help make a positive impact in our communities.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys

Assistant Business Agent IBEW Local 24