

Journeyman Pipe Fitters and Apprentices



Local Union No. 602

8700 ASHWOOD DRIVE • 2ND FLOOR • CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

TELEPHONE: (301) 333-2356 • FAX: (301) 333-1730

AFFILIATED WITH AFL-CIO

HB2 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Union Dues

FAVORABLE

Dear Atterbeary and honorable members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

I hope this letter finds you well.

I write today to thank Delegate Lewis for sponsoring HB2, and to ask this committee for a favorable report.

This is common sense legislation for workers, many of whom have been economically crushed by the COVID-19 shutdowns, the recent stock market falls and related declines in pension systems, and the looming recession.

Specifically, this bill is a tax cut to help cover the cost of union dues, which are job related expenses, that are necessary for workplace representation. In addition, these dues help offset the costs of training the next generation of highly-skilled workers through some of the finest apprenticeship training programs to be found anywhere.

In conclusion, this is a good bill and a huge step in the right direction for Maryland workers, and we respectfully ask for a favorable committee report.

Sincerely,

Chris Madello

Business Manager and Financial Secretary / Treasurer

UA Steamfitters Local 602