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**SB 896 - Baltimore Convention and Tourism Redevelopment and  
Operating Authority Task Force  
Appropriations Committee  
March 26, 2024**

**FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT**

AFSCME Council 3 supports SB 896 with an amendment to include seats on the task force established under the bill for the exclusive bargaining representatives who represent the majority of workers at the Baltimore Convention Center. As workers, our members share the goal of seeing the convention center succeed and they deserve to have a voice on a task force that studies the future of their workplace. Our perspectives are also valuable to these discussions because we have members who perform similar work in cities and states across the country, so we have national expertise in this area.

**Proposed Amendment to SB 896**

On pg. 3, line 12, strike “and”

On pg. 3, lines 13 – 15, add:

**(18) a representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 3,**

**(19) a representative of UNITE HERE Local 7; and**

Together and in collaboration, we hope to transform the Baltimore Convention Center into a modern, world-class destination that serves as an economic engine for tourism and industry dollars, while also creating quality jobs for the surrounding communities.

Please support SB 896 with this amendment.