



PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS

UA LOCAL UNION 486

8100 Sandpiper Circle, Suite 200

Baltimore, Maryland 21236

Phone: 410-866-4380

Fax: 410-933-3515

www.UALocal486.com

Founded 1889

Pasquale D. Petrovia
Business Manager

Gerald W. Jackson
Assistant Business Manager

Gary G. Glab
Financial Secretary/Treasurer

C. Ryan Ambrose
Business Agent

Harry M. Schleicher Jr.
Business Agent

Stephen M. Nitsch
Business Agent

Todd E. Eckley
Recruiter

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

To: Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Cheryl Kagan and Committee

Members

Position: Support SB570

My name is Gerald Jackson. I am the Assistant Business Manager for Plumbers & Steamfitter's Local union 486 representing **2500** members, I am also the Secretary- Treasurer for the Maryland State and D.C. AFLCIO representing **300,000** workers and I am a board member for the Maryland Climate Change Commission.

I strongly support **SB570**.

As a Steamfitter who has worker in the construction industry for 43 years, I have seen the decimation of the fossil fuel energy sector. A large portion of our work has transitioned to "Clean Energy" and we are ready to accept the challenge. Geo-Thermal Energy is a sensible option for heating and cooling that eliminates Carbon Emissions. With a mandate to attain full electrification by 2041, which I personally believe is un-attainable, Geothermal Energy is needed to achieve the goals set by the state of Maryland. **SB570** provides a detail plan that Includes language for safe installation, labor peace, MBE participation and Labor Standards which help to facilitate the good paying jobs lost as a result of the emergence of the "Green Energy Sector". We need legislation that promotes good paying jobs, apprenticeship training and a pathway to the middle class.

This is common sense legislation that I believe we all can agree with.
For these reasons I'm asking for a favorable report for SB570.

Respectfully Submitted

Gerald W. Jackson

Assistant Business Manager Plumbers & Steamfitter's Local 486

Secretary- Treasurer Md. State & D.C. AFL-CIO