



## House Economic Matters Committee

**To:** Delegate CT Wilson, Chair; Delegate Brian Crosby, Vice-Chair; and Members of the Committee.  
**From:** Jason Ascher, Political Director, Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association.

### **SUPPORT HB 1276 – Public Works Contracts – Apprenticeship Requirements (Maryland Workforce Apprenticeship Utilization Act)**

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and our five United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Locals, which represent 10,000+ Plumbers, Steamfitter, Welders, HVAC Techs, and Sprinkler Fitters across Maryland, I ask you to **SUPPORT HB 1276**.

Across Maryland, there is a need for a skilled and trained workforce in the construction industry. Apprenticeship programs are the best way to recruit and train this growing workforce. A proper apprenticeship is a three-legged stool of on-the-job training, classroom training, and job placement. Without job placement options, a registered apprenticeship program cannot complete the student's training and get them into the journeyman ranks.

Ensuring that apprentices are part of the workforce mix on public construction projects is essential to growing this workforce. HB 1276 will do exactly that. It would require that a percentage of the workforce in public construction projects, including construction, alteration, and repair work, are qualified registered apprentices. It would also require reporting by the contractors and subcontractors to the Department of Labor on each worker on the project.

For the reason stated above, please **SUPPORT HB 1276**.

Sincerely,

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**Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 110** – Norfolk, VA  
**Road Sprinkler Fitters Local 669** – Columbia, MD

**Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486** – Baltimore, MD  
**Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 489** – Cumberland, MD  
**Steamfitters Local 602** – Capitol Heights, MD