

**House Bill 176 – Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health –
Revisions (Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act)
Appropriations Committee
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My name is Demetrius Jones, I have worked as a permit specialist/engineering technician for 10 1/2 years with the Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement/Prince George's County Government. I am a proud member of AFSCME Local 2462. I strongly support this legislation and ask for your support.

Workplace safety should be a priority to all, protecting workers and allowing work to be done safely. Our workplace problems at 9400 Peppercorn Place, Largo, MD, include workers getting trapped in elevators, so much so that the fire department had to shut one of the elevators down completely, which has been shut down for approximately the last 2 years. Water main/pipes bursting, which floods the 1st floor and causes total evacuation of the building, recently on one of the coldest days of the year. Strange fumes flowed through the building, causing some workers to leave due to headaches. These are recurring safety issues at this building.

I support this bill because it will improve workplace safety and health conditions and ensure that workers perform their duties in an environment conducive to providing excellent customer service to the residents and businesses of Prince George's County.

I urge the committee to issue a favorable report of House Bill 176.