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## Written Testimony of Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Agent, IBEW LOCAL 24 Before the House Economic Matters Committee On HB 451 State and Private Construction Contracts - Prompt Payment Requirements

### Support

January 27, 2025

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

My name is Rico Albacarys and I am a member of IBEW Local 24, writing to express our support of HB 451, which promotes fairness and accountability in the construction industry. Timely and predictable payments are critical for subcontractors, particularly small businesses and those owned by women and minorities, who often face the greatest financial challenges.

HB 451 ensures payments are made within reasonable timeframes, creating a more stable environment for contractors to plan, operate, and grow. Reliable payment practices mean subcontractors can invest in their teams, fulfill project commitments, and pursue new opportunities without the burden of extended delays.

By establishing clear expectations and accountability, this bill strengthens the trust and collaboration necessary for a thriving construction industry. It represents a step toward creating a level playing field where businesses of all sizes can compete fairly and succeed.

I urge the committee to **support House Bill 451**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys  
Assistant Business Agent IBEW Local 24