

# Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1300

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## **SB 938 - Fraud Prevention and Worker Protections - Prohibitions, Penalties, and Enforcement Favorable**

Senate Finance Committee

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ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). This includes bus operators, bus mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance workers, and more. Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

Our members are public sector workers, but we know firsthand what wage theft, misclassification, and workplace fraud have done to other transportation workers. Employers often feel like penalties and fines from violating employment laws can be swept under the rug. By creating a Worker Protection Unit within the Office of the Attorney General, it would take on the type of high profile cases that could draw attention to poor industry practices and incentivize pro-active compliance.

We believe that concerns opponents of the bill have raised about duplication of efforts are misguided. There is enough workplace fraud and attacks on worker protections to justify tackling the issue on multiple fronts.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB 938.