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Support: SB 938 - Fraud Prevention and Worker Protections - Prohibitions, Penalties, and Enforcement

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To the Honorable Pam Beidle, Chair; Antonio Hayes, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Finance Committee

My name is David Pendleton, I am the Director of the Maryland Safety and Legislative Board for the Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation Workers (SMART). Our members in the State of Maryland are employees of CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern, Canton Railroad, Amtrak and MARC (Amtrak and Alstom). We are Conductors, Engineers, Yardmasters, Switchmen, and Utility Workers. We are the **TRAIN UNION**.

Wage theft is a terrible crime that affects two-thirds of low wage workers. Millions of workers are victims of this crime, forcing their families into bankruptcy while also destabilizing communities across Maryland and the USA. In 2020, it was estimated that over 15 billion dollars in wages was stolen from workers in the restaurant industry alone.

SB938 would give the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry the tools needed to fight this awful crime. SMART stands with workers in the fight against wage theft!

We urge a favorable report!

Sincerely,

David Sr

David Pendleton Sr., Chairperson/Director
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