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## **Finance Committee**

**To:** Senator Pam Beidle, Chair; Senator Antonio Hayes, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee

From: Christopher Anderson, Business Agent, Plumbers and Steamfitter Local 486

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

On behalf of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 938. This critical piece of legislation takes an important step in safeguarding Maryland's workers and strengthening the integrity of our state's labor and unemployment systems.

SB 938 aims to address fraud and prevent the underpayment of unemployment insurance contributions, as well as ensure that workers are properly compensated. The bill prohibits fraudulent practices in the creation of records or statements related to unemployment insurance, thus enhancing the fairness and transparency of the system. Additionally, it holds accountable those who engage in activities that deprive workers of the benefits they have earned.

The labor movement has long advocated for the protection of working families, and SB 938 aligns with our goal of ensuring fair wages and benefits for all workers. By strengthening enforcement provisions in key labor laws, this bill will help ensure that workers receive the wages and benefits they are entitled to, free from fraudulent practices that undermine their livelihoods.

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486 fully supports SB 938 and urges the committee to move this bill forward. It represents a necessary step toward improving labor standards and protecting workers' rights in Maryland. We appreciate your consideration and your commitment to advancing policies that benefit Maryland's hardworking families.

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Sincerely,

**Christopher Anderson** 

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