



## PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS

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**To:** Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

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

### Support HB 850 - Procurement – Public Work Contracts – Data Dashboard 2 (Maryland Public Works and Apprenticeship Transparency Act)

On behalf of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486, I am writing to express our strong support for Maryland House Bill 850. We appreciate your continued dedication to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of Maryland's workforce and communities.

Maryland House Bill 850 mandates the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop and maintain a data dashboard containing detailed information about contractors, subcontractors, employees, and apprentices involved in public work contracts. This dashboard aims to enhance transparency and oversight of public works projects in Maryland.

This bill is a critical step toward improving the quality of construction and labor standards within our state. The provisions outlined in HB 850 will help track that workers in Maryland are being properly Classified in the trade they are working, getting paid the correct wage and benefits, and apprentices are being trained through a registered training program.

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486 are proud to stand behind this legislation, and we urge you to continue your leadership in supporting it through the legislative process. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to strengthening Maryland's workforce and economy. We look forward to your continued support for **HB 850** and its positive impact on our state.

Sincerely,

Christopher Anderson