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The Honorable Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Chair of the House Health and Government Operations Committee
6 Bladen Street, Room 240
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

House Bill 850

Good afternoon, Chair Peña-Melnyk, Vice-Chair Cullison, and the members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams, and I will be testifying in favor of House Bill 850, also known as **Procurement - Public Work Contracts - Data Dashboard (Maryland Public Works and Apprenticeship Transparency Act)**.

This bill would require the Commissioner of Labor and Industry within the Maryland Department of Labor to develop a graphic data dashboard displayed on the MD Labor website with information regarding workers and wages for ongoing public works contracts. Contractors would be required to submit this information to the commissioner once a week, and the commissioner would be obligated to update the data dashboard for the public at least once a month.

Instituting such a dashboard would reflect our state's commitment to transparency, fair wages, and the development of a skilled and competitive workforce. By establishing this database, Maryland would demonstrate its responsible use of state resources to both workers and taxpayers while elevating our standards for equitable labor practices.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 850.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Delegate Nicole A. Williams, Esq.