

My name is Zane Rineer, and I am a proud member of Teamsters Local 570, currently employed with Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Havre de Grace. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill, as it would significantly impact not only my livelihood but also the livelihoods of many other hard-working individuals across Maryland.

I have been employed with Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company for 2.5 years, and I take great pride in my work. Being able to see my work in my community has been incredibly fulfilling. However, should this bill pass, it would undoubtedly lead to a substantial decline in sales for our company, putting jobs at risk—including mine. This is not just a concern for me, but for a large segment of Maryland's working class, from employees at beverage companies, to grocery stores, and to the waitstaff at your favorite restaurant. The ripple effect of this bill would be felt across multiple industries and could lead to significant job losses.

At 23 years old, I am in a pivotal stage of my life. I am getting married this year, and I am actively saving to purchase a home for my future family. The financial stability I currently have through my job is essential to realizing these dreams. If this bill were to jeopardize my employment, it would severely disrupt my plans and diminish the opportunity for me to achieve homeownership and, ultimately, to provide for a family.

I am confident that many young Marylanders share similar concerns and anxieties about the impact this bill would have on their futures. I truly value the opportunities that my employment with Pepsi-Cola has provided, and I am committed to continuing my work with this company. It is my hope that policymakers will consider the far-reaching consequences of this legislation and its potential to harm working families throughout Maryland.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Zane Rineer

Teamsters Local 570

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Havre de Grace