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PLUMBERS
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RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 673 / HOUSE BILL 1165

Dear Chair Guzzone, Chair Wells, and Honorable Members of the Committees:

On behalf of The Washington, D.C. Joint Plumbing Apprenticeship, I write in support of Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165.

Our organization works closely with the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades and their signatory contractors on workforce development, training, and industry collaboration. We see firsthand the importance of apprenticeship programs that not only enroll participants, but support them through completion and into long-term careers.

Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165 establishes a modest accountability standard by requiring a 25 percent apprenticeship completion rate for programs used in covered State procurement. This approach reinforces program quality, protects apprentices, and ensures that public resources support training models that deliver measurable outcomes.

From our perspective, apprenticeship opportunity must lead to completion to fulfill its promise—for workers, employers, and the broader economy. This bill advances that goal in a balanced and responsible manner.

We respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165.

Sincerely,

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