



TESTIMONY OF ANTHONY C. QUADE JR.
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BEFORE THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL 673 / HOUSE BILL 1165 – FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Guzzone and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Anthony C. Quade Jr., and I am a Vice President at Puyenpa Mechanical Construction, a Maryland-based mechanical contracting firm. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165.

As a contractor, our business depends on highly skilled workers trained through registered apprenticeship programs. Apprenticeship completion is essential to our ability to deliver safe, high-quality work, meet project schedules, and remain competitive.

This bill is straightforward. It simply requires that apprenticeship programs used on covered State contracts demonstrate a minimum 25% completion (graduation) rate, as determined by the Maryland Department of Labor. This is a reasonable standard that supports legitimate apprenticeship programs and responsible contractors.

Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165 helps ensure that public procurement supports apprenticeship programs that actually train and graduate skilled workers. For contractors like us who invest in workforce development, this bill levels the playing field and strengthens the construction workforce.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165.

Sincerely,

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