



TESTIMONY OF GARY R. ARMSTRONG, BUSINESS MANAGER / FST
IRONWORKERS LOCAL 5
BEFORE THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL 120 – UNFAVORABLE

Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

Ironworkers Local 5 respectfully opposes House Bill 120 because it would halt a significant category of structural construction projects that sustain union ironworkers throughout Maryland.

Data center construction involves substantial steel fabrication, reinforcement, and erection work that supports apprenticeship pipelines, safety training, and long-term workforce stability. By prohibiting both construction and governmental approvals, the bill eliminates opportunities to negotiate project labor agreements and enforce safety and workforce standards. Ironworkers Local 5 supports strong environmental review and responsible development. However, a statewide moratorium undermines Maryland's construction workforce and regional competitiveness.

For these reasons, Ironworkers Local 5 urges an unfavorable report on House Bill 120.

Sincerely,

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