

# Journeyman Pipe Fitters and Apprentices



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TESTIMONY OF SIDNEY BONILLA  
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BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

AND THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT, LABOR, AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL 675 / HOUSE BILL 997 – UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chair Beidle, Chair Wells, and Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee:

I submit this testimony on behalf of UA Steamfitters Local 602 in opposition to Senate Bill 675 / House Bill 997.

Local 602 represents highly skilled steamfitters who perform complex, safety-critical work on public infrastructure and utility-related projects throughout Maryland. The wages earned by our members reflect the training, certification, and responsibility required to perform this work safely and efficiently.

By prohibiting the Commissioner from considering wage data from investor-owned gas and electric utilities, this legislation artificially lowers prevailing wage calculations, producing rates that do not reflect actual labor market conditions. Those distorted rates will flow directly into public works contracts, placing downward pressure on wages and undermining established labor standards.

UA Steamfitters Local 602 respectfully urges an unfavorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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