



Testimony - SB 60, Fraud Prevention, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage - Prohibitions,  
Penalties, and Enforcement  
Favorable  
Senate Finance Committee  
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Honorable Chairman Beidle & Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

SEIU Local 500 represents thousands of workers across the public and private sectors, including employees whose wages, benefits, and job security depend on strong enforcement of prevailing wage, living wage, and workplace fraud laws. SB 60 addresses long-standing enforcement gaps that allow bad actors to undercut responsible employers while stealing wages and benefits from workers.

This bill meaningfully strengthens Maryland's ability to combat workplace fraud by:

- Expanding the application of the Maryland False Claims Act to cover significant unemployment insurance fraud;
- Ensuring penalties and damages collected in prevailing wage cases can be used to provide direct restitution to affected workers;
- Enhancing coordination and enforcement authority between the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the Office of the Attorney General;

- Strengthening penalties for worker misclassification and ensuring that a portion of civil penalties is paid directly to harmed workers; and
- Holding general contractors accountable for violations committed by subcontractors, closing a loophole that has enabled widespread abuse.

Too often, workers who are misclassified or underpaid face retaliation, long delays, or no meaningful remedy at all. SB 60 improves accountability while preserving due process, creating a fairer system that protects workers, taxpayers, and law-abiding employers alike.

By increasing enforcement tools and ensuring consequences for repeat and willful violators—including debarment and licensing consequences—SB 60 sends a clear message: Maryland will not tolerate wage theft, misclassification, or fraud that undermines workers and the public interest.

SEIU Local 500 urges the Senate Finance Committee to issue a favorable report on SB 60 and help ensure that workers are paid what they are legally owed and that our labor laws are enforced as intended.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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