



TESTIMONY OF GARY ARMSTRONG
IRONWORKERS LOCAL 5
IN SUPPORT
SENATE BILL 673 / HOUSE BILL 1165 –
STATE PROCUREMENT – APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLETION
BEFORE THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
AND THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT, LABOR, AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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

I submit this testimony on behalf of Ironworkers Local 5 in support of Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165.

Ironworkers Local 5 represents skilled workers who construct and reinforce the steel structures that support Maryland's public infrastructure. Our apprenticeship programs are essential to maintaining safety, productivity, and quality on complex construction projects.

Senate Bill 673 / House Bill 1165 strengthens the State's procurement framework by ensuring that apprenticeship programs relied upon for public work are achieving meaningful completion outcomes.

Completion matters. Apprentices who finish their training become journey-level workers who sustain the workforce for decades. This bill helps ensure that public procurement supports programs that deliver that result.

For these reasons, Ironworkers Local 5 respectfully urges a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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