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TESTIMONY OF FRANK MAHONEY

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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:

On behalf of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (EASRCC), I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 675 / House Bill 997.

The Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters represents tens of thousands of highly skilled union carpenters across the Mid-Atlantic region, including Maryland. Our members perform critical work on public buildings, infrastructure, energy facilities, and large-scale construction projects that demand precision, safety, and extensive apprenticeship training.

Senate Bill 675 / House Bill 997 undermines Maryland's prevailing wage law by excluding relevant wage data from major segments of the skilled construction labor market. By narrowing the data set used to determine prevailing wages, the bill artificially suppresses wage determinations, rather than reflecting actual market conditions.

For carpenters working on public projects, this means downward pressure on wages, erosion of established labor standards, and increased difficulty sustaining apprenticeship pipelines that ensure a safe and qualified workforce. Prevailing wage laws exist to stabilize wages and promote fair competition—not to reduce labor costs by excluding real-world wage benchmarks.

For these reasons, the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters respectfully urges an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 675 / House Bill 997.

Sincerely,

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