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The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chair  
The Honorable Kenneth Kerr, Vice Chair  
House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
145 & 142 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Testimony of Ray Baker, Maryland Director, Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council on  
HB 1072: State Procurement - Preferences - Francis Scott Key Bridge Reconstruction  
Position: UNFAVORABLE**

Thank you, Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the committee, for the opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 1072. My name is Ray Baker. I am the Maryland Director of the Baltimore-DC Building Trades (BDCBT). The BDCBT's 28 affiliates represent more than 30,000 union construction workers across Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The BDCBT writes in opposition to House Bill 1072. The bill seeks to establish a preference for the procurement of supplies and services for the reconstruction of the Francis Scott Key Bridge for businesses located in the Maryland General Assembly's 6th legislative district.

As the Fiscal and Policy Note for House Bill 1072 indicates, the design-build contract for the Francis Scott Key Bridge has already been awarded. The general contractor for the project, Kiewit, is responsible for soliciting and awarding any subcontractor packages. And because the project is receiving federal funds, federal procurement policies apply.

The BDCBT respectfully urges this committee to issue an unfavorable report on House Bill 1072.