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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES, AFL-CIO DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 51

February 3, 2020

House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee:

Dereck E. Davis, Chair
Kathleen M. Dumais, Vice Chair
House Office Building, Room 231
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Honorable Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

I am Roxana Mejia, Director of Government Affairs of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 51 covering the Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia jurisdictions. I represent over 2,000 members in the finishing trades of the construction industry.

I want to thank the Committee Members for taking the time to read our OPPOSITION to HB 163 Labor and Employment Labor Organizations Right to Work.

I write to you today to urge you to vote against HB 163. Right to Work does not create jobs and has no impact on the economic stimulus in any State where it has been enacted. In fact, workers in states with these laws earn an average of \$5,680 less a year than workers in other states. Right to work creates lower wages, poor job safety, no skills training, no health insurance and no pension on which to retire with some security and dignity. States with right to work laws spend \$3,392 less per pupil on elementary and secondary education than other states, and students are less likely to be performing at their appropriate grade level in math and reading. Right to work is a partisan anti-union ploy to undermine the basic rights of workers. Working families without these rights to work laws benefit from healthier tax bases that improve their quality of life.

Please vote unfavorable on HB 163.

Thank you

Roxana Mejia
Director of Government Affairs
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