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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 163
Right to Work
February 4th, 2020

To: Hon. Dereck Davis, Chair, and members of the House Economic Matters Committee

From: Cliff Wendricks, Business Manager

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been a rich history of this country to provide a better life and better opportunity to our citizens. Allowing differentiating opinions to be heard and to consider what fits best for the American people. As we have witnessed in other states, the move to diminish the voice of the working class and the liberties of a fair wage, has limited the abilities of so many struggling each and every day. The push to dismiss the value of a union, continues to erode the delicate balance of power among profits and greed. Examples of this demonstration are all too prevalent in states who have taken away rights of unions and shifted this power back into the hands of corporate America. In these cases, only those who benefit from belonging to the elite society of wealth are permitted to make profits and offer no more than necessary to those who are responsible for the tough work being done to get them there.

I would graciously request that this committee do their due diligence in assuring the people of Maryland that they are not favoring business over the working class. If we are not considering the ramifications of Maryland enacting "Right to Work", then we are not allowing our people the ability to have a safer worksite and say, for fair representation. Right to Work legislation has eroded those states who have adopted and subsequently decreased available revenues available by way of taxes. Although this move may promise additional resources, those who are advocates have a much different agenda. I would ask that this committee please take a hard look at those states and consider all consequences that could negatively affect its citizens and the overall livelihood of Maryland.

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It is my recommendation at this time to request a vote in opposition of this bill and protect the civil liberties and rights of the working class.

Thank You for your consideration and time in this matter.

Respectfully,



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