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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
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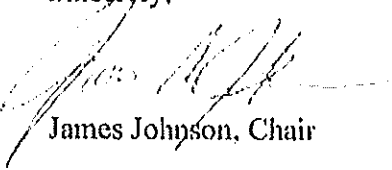
Dear Chairman Pinsky,

As chairman of the Maryland Board of HVACR Contractors, I write to support Senate Bill 280, which will remove barriers to licensure, promote sustainable employment, and benefit Maryland's economy.

Service members, veterans, and military spouses who hold professional licenses in other states are often frustrated by the barriers that obstruct their ability to obtain a Maryland license. Senate Bill 280 removes these barriers to licensure and ensures consumer protection by requiring applicants to have held a license in good standing from another state for at least one (1) year.

Senate Bill 280 will ease the transition for military and veteran families into Maryland, create new choices for consumers, and bolster Maryland's economy. For these reasons, the Board of HVACR Contractors respectfully requests a favorable report from the committee on Senate Bill 280.

Sincerely,


James Johnson, Chair