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TO: SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS  
RE: S.B. 16- MASTER ELECTRICIANS GUARANTY FUND  
POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors opposes S.B. 16 which is before you today for consideration. The bill requires the State Board of Master Electricians to establish and administer a guaranty fund. We are not aware of any pressing need for the State to pursue this proposal.

The bill is increasing licensing fees on electricians to provide the necessary revenues for the proposed Fund. As is often the case, the reputable employees must pay for the discretions of others. We recommend that the State Board of Master Electricians monitor this situation and report back to the Department of Labor at the appropriate time. Also, the fiscal note indicates a potential meaningful impact on small business which is not the type of message we want to send to our business community.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on S.B.16.

Thank you.

Robert Zinsmeister, Director  
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