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Before the

Appropriations Committee On

HB 13 – Influence on Collective Bargaining

SUPPORT

February 1, 2021

Chairman McIntosh and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our written testimony in favor of HB 13.

My name is Mike McHale; I have been a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 24 for thirty-five years. I currently serve as the Local Union's Financial Secretary. A lifelong resident of Maryland, I was born and raised in the South Baltimore neighborhood of Brooklyn, and now live in District 5, Westminster MD. I am writing on behalf of the approximately 2,000 members of IBEW Local 24.

As Marylanders who have worked under a collective bargaining agreement, our members know how valuable and important it is to have our voices heard in the workplace. The gains made by working people in this country have been achieved through collective bargaining. We are opposed to employers using tax loopholes to silence the voices of their employees. This bill will benefit the working people of Maryland by addressing tax payer supported anti-union influence. For these reasons and others, I am asking you to give HB13 a favorable report.

Thank you,


Michael J. McHale

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