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## Written Testimony of

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Before the

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee On

SB 336 – State and Local Procurement - Payment Practices

## SUPPORT

February 1, 2021

Chairman Pinsky and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our written testimony in favor of SB 336.

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.

Many times, contractors are floating payroll and various other bills while waiting for payment on their completed work. This affects their ability to bid upcoming projects and continue to grow their business. This measure, shortening the time spent waiting for payment, will help smaller businesses especially. I know how dedicated the State is to fueling small business growth and moving our economy forward. This is why I'm asking you to give HB 336 a favorable report.

Thank you,

Michael J. McHale

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