



**HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE**

**House Bill 388**

**Prevailing Wage – University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland – Applicability**

**February 1, 2022**

**Thomas Hickey, Director of Procurement and Real Property Initiatives  
Information**

Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on House Bill 388. This bill provides that the State's Prevailing Wage law apply to a procurement for a public work contract by the University System of Maryland (USM), Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland.

By way of background, capital construction projects for the University System of Maryland are managed by two respective Service Centers that were established by the Board of Regents. The University of Maryland, Baltimore manages capital construction projects for the following institutions: Coppin State University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Towson University. The University of Maryland, College Park manages capital construction projects for the following institutions: Bowie State University, Frostburg State University, Salisbury University, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, the USM Office, and USM Regional Higher Education Centers located in Shady Grove, Hagerstown and Southern Maryland.

USM has voluntarily complied with the Prevailing Wage law on construction contracts over \$500,000 for over the past two decades.

Thank for allowing the USM to share this information regarding House Bill 388.