

Testimony
of
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on
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Entitled

Labor and Employment
Apprenticeship and Training Council
Representation

Given Before the
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of the
Maryland General Assembly

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Madam Chair, members of the Finance Committee,
good afternoon. I'm Larry R. Greenhill, Sr., and I live
in Prince Georges County. I am a past
Consultant and Councilmember on the Maryland
Apprenticeship and Training Council (MATC) where I
served for 20 years; 4 of those years as Chair. The
MATC is a twelve (12) member council, appointed by
the Governor, that formulates and adopts standards of
apprenticeship programs that are designed to, not only,
properly train potential apprentices but to also
safeguard their welfare during their apprenticeship
term.

All of that said, I'm before you today to offer brief testimony in support of the purposes of Senate Bill 104 which would essentially "require the makeup of the twelve (12) member MATC, its' consultants and future members of the "Apprenticeship 2030 Commission" to represent the racial, ethnic, cultural, geographic and gender diversity of Maryland specifically Black, Latino and individuals with disabilities.

Equally as important as the goal of diversity and full inclusion is to this "three-pronged approach" is the appointment of individuals who possess a sincere passion to "reconnect" the dots between education and workforce in our state.

Individuals who are willing to work tirelessly to “rebuild” and “reemphasis” the importance of the “school to work pipeline”. This legislation is not a panacea to our current skill shortages in high-demand occupations (IT, construction, healthcare, mechanics (air and auto), education and transportation) but hopefully it will help steer us the right direction.

Madam Chair, members of the Committee, thank you.

I urge your support of SB 104.