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## Written Testimony of

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Before the Baltimore City Council

City of Baltimore Council Bill #20-0629

Prevailing Wage - Determination

**STRONGLY SUPPORT**

October 15, 2020

Dear Chairperson Sneed and Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony supporting Baltimore City Council Bill #.20-0629

For the record, my name is Peter Demchuk. I am a 41 year member, and the Business Manager, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 24 located at 2701 Patapsco Ave. in Southwest Baltimore. Additionally, our state of the art Apprenticeship Training Center is next door at 2699 Patapsco Ave. where we current are training (remotely) over 350 Electrical Apprentices.

The work we do is not easy. It requires high skills and has a fair amount of risk. We understand this, which is why we provide extensive training and fight for quality wages, pensions and health care.

One reason Council Bill 20-0629 is so important to IBEW Local 24, each year we submit documentation to the State DLLR of work that is performed by our members in Baltimore City for their annual survey. Typically this same information is sent to the Baltimore City Wage commission for their annual survey. By accepting the "Rate" from the State of Maryland DLLR there would be no need for the Baltimore City Wage Commission to spend time and tax dollars compiling a wage determination. This would allow more time for the Commission to enforce the prevailing wage law against unscrupulous contractors cheating Baltimore City and it workers.

I want to reiterate IBEW Local 24s strong support for Baltimore City Council Bill # 20-0629 it will preserve limited tax dollars for conducting the survey and allow more resources for enforcement that generate tax dollars!

Thank you,

Peter P. Demchuk

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