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The Honorable Shannon Sneed
Chair, Labor Committee
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 400
Baltimore, MD 21202

SUBJECT: Ordinance 20-0269

Dear Chair Person Sneed and Members of the Labor Committee:

On behalf of the 7,500 men and women of the Baltimore-Washington Laborers' District Council (BWLDC), I write to request your support of Ordinance 20-0269.

The purpose of this ordinance is to simplify how the city determines its prevailing wage for construction contracts by indexing with the prevailing hour wage established under State law for State-financed construction work performed in the city. The ordinance also establishes a rate review procedure after the initial rate establishment. Another important feature of the ordinance is that it provides the Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement with the authority to redirect the resources that otherwise would be allocated to collecting and processing wage surveys to other matters for which it currently does not have the budget to address.

This ordinance will enable the city to save financial resources during tight fiscal times, which benefits taxpayers. For these reasons, the BWLDC urges a favorable vote on Ordinance 20-0269 from members of the committee.

Sincerely,

Julio Palomo
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