

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 29, 2022

Terry Gohde
Project Director
Maryland Transit Solutions
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Dear Mr. Gohde,

We are writing to urge you to complete a project labor agreement (PLA) for Maryland Purple Line construction workers. We stand in support of the Maryland workers fighting for the benefits that a PLA would deliver to ensure quality and reliable construction as the project resumes.

PLAs are vital tools to alleviate the management and coordination challenges of major construction projects like the Purple Line. By setting employment terms for all workers on a construction project, they ensure timely completion and quality work. The public and private sectors both make extensive use of PLAs for large construction projects, including for Disney World, the Kennedy Space Center, Yankee Stadium, and Ørsted's offshore wind farms.

President Joe Biden recognized the value of PLAs with Executive Order 14063, which he signed right here in Maryland, to require PLAs on large federal construction projects unless a senior agency official grants an exception. We commend President Biden for setting this positive example at the federal level, which we hope you will follow in Maryland.

When Maryland was in the process of switching to a new contractor for the Purple Line, then Secretary of Transportation Greg Slater testified to the Board of Public Works that, "The PLA utilized was a typical PLA and would be similarly utilized by a replacement design-build contractor as it is based upon a standard form that can be readily incorporated into the replacement contract."¹ The workers who were laid off when construction stopped on the Purple Line deserve to see this promise kept as construction resumes.

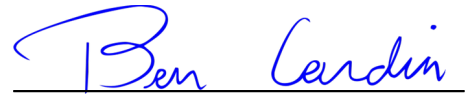
Thank you for your work to build fast and reliable transit for the people of Maryland. Please reply by July 12, 2022 with a description of the efforts you are undertaking to secure a PLA for the benefit of Maryland workers and taxpayers

Sincerely,

¹ State of Maryland Board of Public Works, December 16, 2020, available at: <https://bpw.maryland.gov/MeetingDocs/2020-Dec-16-Transcript.pdf>.



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United States Senator



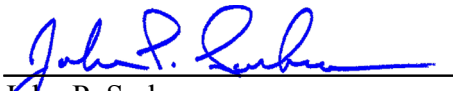
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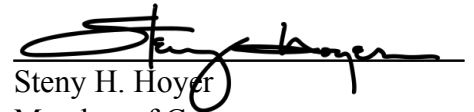
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