



Baltimore
AFL - CIO
Building and Construction Trades Council

1667 Knecht Avenue, Suite A • Baltimore Maryland 21227
410-242-0522
Fax: 410-242-0523

Leonard "Bud" Schuler
Vice President

Roderick "Rod" Easter
President

Ricky Matthews
Secretary Treasurer

February 5, 2010

Delegate Norman H. Conway
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Honorable Norman Conway:

I am writing this letter in support of legislation being introduced by Delegate Tom Hucker that would give certain library employees around the state of Maryland the right to join a union.

As President of the Baltimore Building and Construction Trades Council, I believe that every employee has the right to organize and have union representation.

I feel this is a great opportunity for management and labor to come together for the good of all. The unions will bargain in good faith and there will be no strike or work slowdowns. In the event of an impasse, the bill allows a neutral third party to mediate.

For all of the above reasons, I support this legislation and ask for your support as well.

Sincerely,

Rod Easter
President, Baltimore Building and Construction Trades Council