

Co-chairs Leiber and Sanchez of the ways and means committee, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to read my written testimony on HB 5006 expanding BOLI's budgetary needs for the year 2025.

To introduce myself, I'm a proud second generation laborer of local 737. I'm Gabrielle Beamer, one of the instructors at the training center facility. I cannot tell you how much on a first hand basis I've seen BOLI work wonders for our apprentices and journey workers alike. We utilize grant programs through BOLI to help apprentices succeed in their careers as construction craft laborers. Apprentices have access to work boots, tools, and other monetary staples to help them become successful. BOLI reaches far and wide with my trade union brothers and sisters. BOLI helps bring the hammer of justice down on bad actors, it hurts to see BOLI be underfunded when they do so much for our collective membership. Please consider their budgetary needs and do what's in the best interest of so many union families.