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Statement of Bruce Morris  
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For the Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
February 17, 2015  
In Support of:

**S.B. No. 383, An Act Concerning Workforce Participation Thresholds for Public Works Contracts.**

Dear Chairman Winfield, Tercyak, and Honorable members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, as Chairman of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, I would like to express our strong support of **S.B. 383, *An Act Concerning Workforce Participation Thresholds for Public Works Contracts.***

S.B. 383 would require any contractor who is a party to a public works contract, use affirmative action plan, which requires the employment of a workforce that is at least twenty-five per cent minority, twenty-five per cent state resident and six and nine-tenths per cent women.

A goal of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus is to make Black and Latino communities economically self-sufficient. In order to be economically self-sufficient, minorities need to have access and opportunity to jobs. If we do not help minorities and even the playing field, underutilization of minority talent will continue.

Let's help to ensure a more diverse workforce and foster economic equity.

Thank you chairmen and committee members for the opportunity to present testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rep. Bruce V. Morris".

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