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My name is Brian Anderson. I am a Legislative Representative for Council 4 AFSCME, a union of 32,000 public and private employees. **Council 4 urges you to oppose SB 908, An Act Allowing Employers to Pay Wages Using Payroll Cards.**

This bill contains insufficient protections for employees. This bill should have strong language protecting employees from the various fees, fines and costs that ATM providers and banks can charge: transaction fees, withdrawal fees, dormancy fees, administration fees and the like. The financial industry's ability to dream up new ways to charge consumers should not be underestimated.

Any such legislation should also ensure that there are enough locations and accessible hours for employees to access their pay conveniently. Access to important hard copy records, such as transaction or tax records, should be legislatively ensured. This bill does not accomplish a minimum level of protection for employees.

Council 4 would be happy to provide the committee with any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.