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Good Morning Senator Edith Prague, Representative Bruce Zalaski, Senator Edwin Gomes, Representative Ezequiel Santiago, Senator Anthony Guglielmo, Representative John Rigby and Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Thank you for raising Senate Bill 990 an act concerning increasing the prevailing wage rates. I support this bill for many reasons:

- It will lower the cost of State and municipal building or rehabilitation projects.
- The bill will allow smaller, local construction companies to take part in the bidding process.
- It may spur construction thus job growth

It has been over ten years since the last adjustment. This modest increase to meet today's costs is a prudent step. It is my hope that this committee will see fit to advance this bill so it can receive full debate in each chamber of our legislature.

Thank you again for raising this bill I hope you will see fit to vote this out favorably.