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To : The Hon. Peter Tercyak, Co-Chairman, The Hon. Gary Winfield, Co-Chairman, The Hon. Catherine Osten, Vice Chair, The Hon. Victor Cuevas, Vice Chairman, The Hon. Tony Hwang, Ranking Member, The Hon. David Rutigliano, Ranking Member and the members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 5071, which would provide local tax relief and facilitate public works projects by increasing the current threshold amounts that determine when public works projects must abide by prevailing wage laws.

I'd also like to express my support for HB 6250, which would ensure that the prevailing wage threshold does not include costs defrayed by funds by a private source.

Reforming Connecticut's prevailing wage law is critical. Municipalities throughout the state continue to face budget challenges. By supporting these bills you will help municipalities control their costs and local property taxes. As a result, you will help ensure that our state is a more competitive place to reside and conduct business.

Many projects simply become unaffordable and thus do not move forward. When critical projects become financially infeasible our communities are also negatively impacted. This is especially concerning in the case of economic development projects that project long-term benefits to towns and cities in the form of grand list growth, new or expanding companies and job growth.

Therefore, I urge you to support HB 5071 and HB 6250. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Luigi Fulinello