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Proposed H.B. No. 6650

AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNTS REQUIRING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS TO ABIDE BY THE PREVAILING WAGE LAWS.

To 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.

Dear members of the Labor & Public Employees Committee,

I am writing in **Support of HB No. 6650** which would increase the current threshold on new construction and renovations.

As we all know the current prevailing wage thresholds have not been adjusted since 1991. During this 1991 date until today, we also know that our State is more dependent on our Property Taxes to fund our cities and towns than any other state in America.

With all of the unfunded mandates handed down to our local governments over the years, I believe my **Support of HB No. 6650**, will actually free up state and local monies and create jobs by expanding the size and the number of projects in our state.

Additionally, please clarify that our municipalities are permitted to use licenced volunteers that may donate labor on said projects subject to these adjusted prevailing wages and revising the process for determining wage rates to eliminate any current disparities for smaller projects.

Thank you for your considerations and **Support of HB No. 6650**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen J. Vavrek'.

Stephen J. Vavrek
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