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Mr. William D. Gissel
Quad Cities Foundation for Fair Contracting Trust
Administrator
420 34th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Gissel:

I am writing to urge the Quad Cities Foundation for Fair Contracting Trust to support a Responsible Bidder Ordinance for city construction contracts.

Responsible bidding helps to address the basic needs of workers, as well as ensuring quality work. The safety of the workers and their requirements for training are addressed in the concept of responsible bidding. Under this program, the federal government would offer both union and non-union construction workers access to training. Responsible bidding would also ensure that the dollars of the taxpayer are well-spent.

Recently, the Illinois legislative body of the House of Representatives passed responsible bidder laws. I support the Illinois House of Representatives in this action because it will ensure that our citizens have the most highly-trained workers for its projects. I hope that the Quad Cities Foundation for Fair Contracting Trust also supports this program.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Bill Houlihan in my Springfield office at (217) 492-4062.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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