

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Ed Barry  
Laborers' District Council  
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee  
999 McClintock Drive  
Suite 302  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Dear Ed:

This is just a brief note to express my support for the concept of responsible bidder ordinances.

I believe that responsible bidder ordinances are a sound way to encourage dependable and accountable government contracting, while reducing incidents of waste, fraud, and abuse. Many communities throughout Illinois have implemented responsible bidder ordinances and have thus simplified the process of ensuring that government contractors comply with existing local, state and federal regulations.

I know that all communities in Illinois share my commitment to sound contracting regulations, and I look forward to working with officials at all levels of government to improve fiscal transparency and accountability through responsible contracting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barack Obama', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barack Obama  
United States Senator