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July 23, 2008

Dear City Council Member:

Please accept this letter as my support for a comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance (RBO) for all public construction contracts.

A comprehensive RBO will provide assurance that workers are covered under fringe benefit plans. Public construction costs are increased when a job is awarded to a contractor that pays low wages without fringe benefits. This then creates a burden on the taxpayers. In addition, workers who are covered by fringe benefit plans become net contributors to the local economy.

RBO's also requires that contractors participate in applicable apprenticeship programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. This will ensure that contractors are using properly trained workers to complete the project which offers a higher quality product and increases safety in the community.

I hope you will give favorable consideration of this ordinance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Beiser".

Dan Beiser
State Representative
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