

Hello my name is Zach Hernandez, I am a proud 23 year Alaskan as well as an local IBEW 1547 member. I was a non-union electrician before I came to the union and have had to fight for my job as an Alaskan and have seen others be replaced along with myself all for the sake of cheaper, less qualified labor. The passing of this bill will be detrimental to the future employment of Alaskans; by raising the ceiling for Davis-bacon wages you will allow contractors to come in and low bid the contractors who strive to employ skilled and qualified Alaskan tradesmen. These low bidding contractors will do this by employing less skilled and often times out of state tradesmen who are willing to work for less thus lowering the standard of living in this great state. History has proven that strong economies are based off fair wages. We cannot forget that the worker during the day becomes the consumer when they are away from the job, and it is this consumer that has provided Alaska with a solid and stable economy. If we leave Davis bacon as it is now our children will have the same great opportunities as we have had and provide a brighter future for them and our state.

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