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Howdy All,

I'm writing this letter in support of HB155, the bill to raise the minimums for prevailing wage in Title 36.

I'd ask you to support this bill because the \$2000 current limit (set in 1935) is way too low. This is really costing the local Road Service areas, Boroughs and Municipalities. If you raise the required minimum to a more modern level, it will save those political subdivisions a large amount of money, **thereby giving tax relief to the citizens of those areas.** This is not only because of allowing more competitive labor bids, but because of the huge amount of paperwork that is required to conform to Title 36. The bureaucratic nightmare keeps many small businesses from being able to compete on these small jobs. Those who are able to compete have to pay a large price (passed on to the taxpayer) to have someone keep on top of such an onerous process. Please help us cut down on government regulation and the negative effect on tax rates that this always has.

I know that there is pressure from those who disregard the tax burden of the average citizen to remove the maintenance provision. Please do not succumb to that pressure. Please keep maintenance separate from construction, so that our maintenance contractors aren't penalized either.

Sincerely,

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