Example Congressional Letter:  
Davis-Bacon/Prevailing Wage Vote

July 26, 2017

U.S. Representative  
U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: [FCA International] Urges NO Vote on Rep. ______ Amendment #XX on Repealing Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the [FCA International], we urge you to oppose Rep. ______’s Amendment #___ to [H.R.] _______, the "_________________ Appropriations Act". Congressman _________’s amendment would eviscerate local and regional prevailing wage laws that protect American workers, undermining our country's long-standing and effective prevailing wage law, commonly referred to as "Davis-Bacon."

As you may be aware, regional prevailing wages help ensure tax dollars spent in a community stay in a community. Employees are paid a fair wage based on calculations from a survey of local market wages and benefits paid to construction workers without regard to their union or non-union status. It's fair, it's transparent, and it's working for the American people, as it has for many years. The amendments would prohibit the implementation, administration, and enforcement of prevailing wage laws that have protected and supported American employers and employees for decades.

Put simply, Davis-Bacon protections raise the standard of living for all Americans. For many years, Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements have ensured that companies pay fair wages and labor receives fair compensation for their work based on regional wages. Prevailing wage safeguards have proven sound construction procurement policy, ensuring project success by respecting and adhering to prevailing workforce standards and wages. Davis-Bacon discourages artificially low bids that undercut high workforce standards. Artificially low bids frequently lead to claims, disputes, and project delays. Established industry and project owner practices in both the private and public sectors recognize that high workforce standards deliver superior project outcomes. Prevailing wage standards also promote using local labor forces for public works projects.

We once again urge you to vote against Rep. _____________’s Amendment #__ and defend local prevailing wage laws. The [FCA International] and our member [associations/companies] appreciate your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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