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Dear Senate Committee,

My name is Maurice Rahming and I am the President of O'Neill Construction Group, a minority contracting firm, since its inception in 1998. We believe that you should support House Bill 2408A because it will level the playing field and allow the workers to maintain their standard of living. We feel that prevailing wage is not a burden to small or minority businesses, but instead allows us to approach a project and utilize our workforce in a more competitive manner. Without prevailing wage we are just competing on who can pay the employee the least amount of money, and we feel that this is unfair to those employers. We feel that people should be provided compensation that reflects the region that the project is in.

Maurice Rahming