

Dear Honorable Representatives:

I am concerned about the proposed SB 493

A prevailing wage should be determined by market forces. A government entity does not have the information or understanding of market dynamics to set wages to optimize our economy and opportunities for all workers. This harkens back to the early days of unionization, wage setting and licensing - all designed to bar certain workers from entering the trade at all.

Market set wages allow workers entering a trade to obtain a job and gain experience to build a life for themselves. Setting the wages - let alone setting them to the highest prevailing wage among already inflated union wages - will only exclude workers from opportunities, increase costs of the trade in question and put downward pressure on employment.

I urge you not to support SB 493.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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