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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you may be aware, Michigan’s Prevailing Wage Laws are under attack at the State Legislature. We need to stop this now and let our State Representatives know that you support Michigan’s Prevailing Wage Laws.

Defending Prevailing Wage Laws is our highest priority. Our State Representatives need to know that our members have been able to keep themselves in the Middle Class because of these laws, but it’s crunch time and we need to do everything we can to protect them now.

Your State Representative needs to hear from you. And now, I am asking that all Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 7 members take action in one of (three) Simple Ways:

1) **Call Your State Representative at 855-721-3304** and:
   
   *Let the operator know who your State Representative is. If you are unsure, let them know what city and county you live in. They will connect you to your Legislator’s office.*

   *Let the Person in the Office know: “I am a voter in your district and I am calling you to express my strong support for Michigan’s Prevailing Wage Laws. Construction jobs are hazardous and experienced workers contribute to safe work sites. Prevailing wage laws mean hiring workers like me who know how to do the job safely.”*

   *Remember to always be friendly and respectful.

2) **Write a Letter to “Your” State Representative** (On the reverse side, we have included a list of the targeted House District Representatives) along with a sample letter and key points to be included. *If you need assistance with who “Your” representative is; feel free to contact the Lansing Union Hall at 517-882-4064 and we will be happy to help.*

3) **Visit www.michiganprevails.com** Click on **Take Action**. A personalized message will be sent to “YOUR” District Representative along with additional targeted House District Representatives.

Our opponents can’t generate the volume or quality of personalized communications that we can.

This is the power of organized labor. But to win this fight, and protect Michigan’s prevailing wage laws, everyone must participate.

Thank you for your help with this important fight.

In Solidarity,

Jacob Dehnman
Business Manager/FST
SMART Local Union No. 7-SM

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We Need Your HELP!

Protect Michigan

Prevailing Wage Laws!
SAMPLE PREVAILING WAGE SUPPORT LETTER

Step 1  
(Intra)

Date:

Dear Representative: 

As a voter in your district I am writing to you to express my strong support for Michigan's Prevailing Wage Laws.

Step 2  
(Body)

Insert at least (x1) One of the following *Points:

*Prevailing wage laws give me fair wages so I can provide for my family.

*I work in extreme weather conditions like rain, wind - and in the spring in Michigan, sometimes snow - to get the job done right.

*I'm proud to be part of the middle class and think prevailing wages make sure construction workers can buy a home, a car and be part of their community.

*Construction jobs are hazardous and experienced workers contribute to safe job sites. Through extensive training programs, I know how to stay safe on work sites.

*Prevailing wage laws mean hiring workers like me who know how to do the job safely.

Include a personal statement about how the union has helped your family's quality of life, or about your concerns about your children's and grandchildren's jobs.

I urge you to support Michigan Prevailing Wage Laws.

Step 3  
(Closure)

NAME  
Address & Zip Code  
E-Mail Address