Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

September 6, 2023

The Honorable Julie Su Acting Secretary Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave NW Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Acting Secretary Su,

We write to commend the Department of Labor on the updates to the final rule to the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA). With this being the first comprehensive review in four decades, these important updates will protect worker wages and ensure that workers on federally-supported construction projects are not left behind in today's economy and industry.

The changes from the Administration to the Davis Bacon Act of restoring the definition of "prevailing wage" used from 1935 to 1983 will better reflect actual wages paid to workers in local communities. The update to the pre-1983 definition will also raise the pay standards used by employers. Additionally, this improved rule provides for routine updates to prevailing wage rates to ensure workers continue to be paid fairly.

This revised rule will put thousands of dollars back into the hands of over a million hardworking construction workers, giving them greater economic flexibility, and the ability to invest in their future. In order to rebuild our nation's infrastructure and be fully committed to supporting the completion of modern, federal-supported construction projects, we cannot create an environment where workers are under appreciated. These comprehensive updates to DBRA will guarantee our workers are financially supported and create new pathways to strengthening our middle class.

As the Administration continues to make improvements to support the modern workforce, we applaud the changes adopted to the DBRA and look forward to its full implementation in October 2023.

Sincerely,

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