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Brothers and Sisters,

Yesterday the United Association in conjunction with the other affiliates of Building Trades unions defeated a hostile Davis Bacon amendment offered by Congressman Steve King of Iowa. This amendment would have prohibited Davis Bacon/Prevailing Wages on all projects that receive funding from the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). This includes nearly every airport in the country.

We'd like to thank every congressional member that voted with us. Every Democrat stood with us along with 57 Republican members. Truly, a bipartisan victory for the UA.

This is why we stress the need to work with both sides of the aisle in a non-partisan fashion. If it weren't for our relationships in the Republican Caucus, this anti-labor amendment would have passed the House.

You can view how your member of congress voted by clicking on the following link:

<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2018/roll157.xml>

In addition, I'm including a letter sent by Republican Congressmen Rodney Davis (IL-13) and Mike Bost (IL-12) lobbying other members of their party to stand with labor by opposing this amendment. Their assistance on the floor was most critical to our success.

Thank you for doing your part to engage your members of Congress — regardless of political party — at the local and state level to support the issues important to our union. By working together, we ensure that we protect what we have and also create job opportunities for our members.

Fraternally,

Mark McManus
General President



Oppose King Amendment # 221 to Eliminate Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Provisions

Dear Republican Colleague:

We are writing to encourage you to vote against King Amendment #221 to H.R. 4 – The FAA Reauthorization Act. The Amendment would eliminate long-standing Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections in federally-financed airport projects.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires the payment of local prevailing wages on federally-financed construction projects. The prevailing wage is calculated based on surveys of wages and benefits paid to local workers.

Davis-Bacon helps ensure that competition on federal construction contracts is made on the basis of safety, quality, efficiency and cost.

On multiple occasions, the House has rejected attempts to eliminate or weaken Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections. We strongly encourage our colleagues to maintain their support for this important worker protection.

Sincerely,

Mike Bost

Member of Congress

Rodney Davis

Member of Congress