

Good afternoon,

Camacho Contractors, Inc is a WBE/MBE commercial roofing contractor that was established in 1987. We are proud to be signatory to both Roofer's Local #96 and Carpenters Union #322, and we support the Construction Worker Wage Protection Act (HF1859). Over the past 5+ years, we have seen a significant trend of 'labor brokers' and non-union competitors exploiting their workers via wage theft. It is not only wage theft, but also a host of additional wrongdoings such as not paying for worker's compensation benefits, unemployment benefits, health care benefits, pension, or even the employee's social security benefits. These predatory employers continue to offer their services to General Contractors that are eager to work with them as it enhances their bottom line. It is no secret as to whom are the largest violators. It must be stopped as it is fundamentally wrong. Both the predatory employers as well as the knowledgeable General Contractors, who are simply enriching themselves at the expense of these individuals that feel they have no power.

I would hope AWC thinks long and hard about HF1859. This bill helps regulate those who believe we (women and minorities) should not be paid the same as their peers. The talking point that this bill "puts up road blocks" to onboarding legitimate WBE/MBE is simply that it is a talking point for those that do not believe in our mission.

Thank you,

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