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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the three million members of the National Education Association and the 50 million students they serve, we urge you to VOTE NO on any amendments to the fiscal 2018 appropriations minibus package that would repeal or weaken Davis-Bacon Act wage protections or prohibit or weaken Project Labor Agreements (PLAs). Votes associated with this issue may be included in NEA's Report Card for the 115th Congress.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires workers to be paid locally prevailing wages on projects funded by the federal government. Both the Davis-Bacon Act and PLAs offer vital worker protections that ensure a fair, living wage and, in the case of PLAs, health and retirement benefits. In addition to workers and taxpayers, entire communities benefit from projects covered by the Davis-Bacon Act and PLAs. They help ensure that workers are paid a living wage so they can provide food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities for their families, especially children who cannot fend for themselves.

Again, we urge you to VOTE NO on any amendments to the fiscal 2018 appropriations minibus package bill that would repeal or weaken Davis-Bacon Act wage protections or prohibit or weaken PLAs.

Sincerely,

Marc Egan
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