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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the 3 million skilled craft professionals that comprise North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), I write to urge your rejection of an amendment offered by Congressman Garrett Graves (R-LA) to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The amendment would eliminate any federal requirements, including Davis-Bacon in cooperative agreements that the Army Corps of Engineers has with non-federal entities to perform WRDA related work.

Whether or not Congressman Graves intent was to strip workers of wage protections the effect is the same: if enacted the impact of this amendment on American construction workers would be disastrous. It would strip them of their ability to ply their craft with dignity and to earn a fair wage to provide for their families.

Time and again, the House has rejected misguided attempts to weaken Davis-Bacon with resounding bipartisan votes. We once again urge the House to stand up for workers and protect the prevailing wage.

Sincerely,

Sean McGarvey
President