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118TH DISTRICT

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Dear City Council Member/Village Board Member:

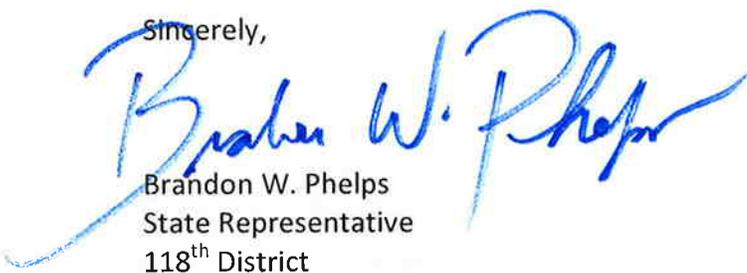
I am writing this letter in support of a comprehensive Bidder Ordinance for all public works construction contracts issued by your taxing body.

A comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance protects local economies through the employment of expertly trained, local tradesmen. It is important to protect the well being of our local economies and workers within them. Contractors who meet the responsible bidder standards ensure compliance with all laws prerequisite of doing business in Illinois and that employees have access to training as defined by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship Training for each of the trades of work contemplated under the awarded contract.

Not to mention, better trained workers offer increased awareness of safety, which largely decreases liability for the taxing body and ensures the highest quality product for the taxpayers.

I ask you to strongly consider adopting a Responsible Bidder Ordinance for the increased benefits that it brings to the taxpayers and the many public works projects they fund in their communities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my district office (618) 253-4189.

Sincerely,


Brandon W. Phelps
State Representative
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