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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to convey my support for Responsible Bidder Ordinances (RBO) for public construction projects. The purpose of the RBO is to ensure that contractors chosen for government construction projects are the best candidates for the job, not just the lowest bidder.

Although state and local officials should strive for cost effectiveness when undertaking construction projects, choosing the lowest bidder is not always the most prudent option. There have been numerous examples of unscrupulous contractors who were awarded a public project because of their low bid yet ended up costing more due to faulty construction techniques and poor workmanship. Under an RBO, contractors must comply with environmental, labor and safety laws as well as hold proper insurance coverage and comply with common wage standards. In the long run, RBOs are in the best interest of taxpayers and government.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. If you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mara Candelaria Reardon".

Mara Candelaria Reardon
State Representative