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To Whom It May Concern:

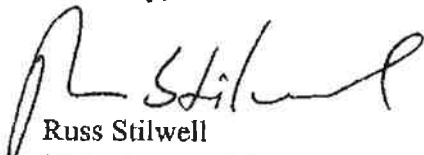
I am writing in support of a Responsible Bidder Ordinance (RBO) for public construction projects. A Responsible Bidder Ordinance is an idea that public construction projects paid for by taxpayer dollars not always automatically be awarded to the lowest bidder, but the best bidder who is a responsible bidder.

As you know, there are always companies willing to do the work for bargain-basement prices, but they may not always deliver what they promise and let the community down. A Responsible Bidder Ordinance would insure that simple things like assuring that their contractors have the proper business registrations, past compliance with environmental, labor and safety laws, proper insurance coverage, common wage compliance, drug testing and much more.

In the long run, and most often in the short run as well, the Responsible Contractor is going to provide more taxpayer value than a contractor who cuts corners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Russ Stilwell
State Representative