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Assemblymember Liz Ortega
Chair, Assembly Labor and Employment Committee
1020 N St., Room 155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Ortega,

On behalf of the California Conference of Carpenters I am writing in support of **AB 3190 (Haney)**. This bill provides the protection of prevailing wage law to thousands of often exploited, low-wage, primarily immigrant Latino construction workers who toil on projects in which the state is investing hundreds of millions of dollars through income tax credits each year.

Over two decades ago, the California legislature passed SB 975 (Alarcon) which expanded the definition of public works financing from "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds" to mean "the payment of money **or the equivalent of money.**"

AB 3190 would "include projects paid using credits that the state or political subdivision agrees to apply against tax liabilities to the state or political subdivision" within the definition of "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds."

When government decides to subsidize private construction projects to achieve beneficial public policy goals, those projects are public works projects. Protecting the wages and working conditions of the workers on public works has been a well-established beneficial public policy goal for close to a century.

Building affordable housing and protecting workers should not be mutually exclusive. Please support **AB 3190** and advance both those beneficial public policies.

Sincerely,
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