



MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION

S.7861 (Martins) / A.10141 (Bronson)

AN ACT to amend the labor law and the criminal procedure law, in relation to hours, wages and supplements in contracts for public work

The Capital Region Chamber, representing 2,600 businesses and organizations from throughout the Capital Region that employ more than 150,000 area residents, opposes S.7861/A.10141 which would subject all projects financed, in whole or in part, through certain public entities, to hours, wages and supplements contract requirements.

The Chamber has consistently opposed prevailing wage mandates on private projects that receive public funds or financial assistance. This bill would dramatically expand the number of construction projects subject to prevailing wage mandates. By enacting this legislation, the state will dramatically increase the cost of construction projects within the state and increase the burden on our taxpayers.

The Chamber strongly encourages the state to pursue policies that make the Capital Region more competitive and lead to job creation. This proposal would move the state's economy in exactly the wrong direction. If New York is going to be competitive, its policies must encourage not hinder business.

For these stated reasons, the Capital Region Chamber opposes this legislation.

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