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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

A2747 (Bronson)/S2536 (Jackson)

On behalf of Plumbers and Gasfitters Local Union No. 1 ("Plumbers Local Union No. 1"), representing 6,000 union construction workers across New York City we write to express our **strong support** for A2747/S2536.

This legislation is essential to ensuring that offsite construction and custom fabrication performed specifically for public work projects is compensated at the prevailing rate of wage under §220 of the Labor Law.

As construction practices evolve with new technologies and methods, some project owners and contractors have attempted to bypass prevailing wage requirements by shifting work away from the jobsite. Yet whether the work occurs onsite or offsite, when it is performed for a public project, it is part of that project and must be treated accordingly.

A2747/S2536 addresses this issue in a balanced and precise manner by focusing on the "custom fabrication" of components that are "solely and specifically designed and engineered for installation" on a public works project. In today's construction environment, offsite fabrication and onsite installation are increasingly interconnected and continuous. This legislation appropriately updates §220 to reflect modern industry realities while remaining firmly within the statute's intended scope.

Just as importantly, A2747/S2536 is essential for preserving and expanding career pathways for our apprentices—many of whom come from underserved communities and rely on these opportunities to enter and remain in the middle class. Without this legislation, we may be forced to eliminate approximately 35% of existing apprenticeship opportunities, as the amount of meaningful, qualifying work available to apprentices would shrink dramatically. Such a reduction would undermine not only the State's workforce-development goals, but also long-standing commitments to equity in public contracting and the creation of real, sustainable pathways into the middle class for working families and underserved communities.

All workers contributing to public construction projects deserve prevailing wage protections. This bill ensures fairness, consistency, and respect for the workforce that builds New York's infrastructure.

For these reasons, **Plumbers Local Union No. 1 strongly supports A2747/S2536** and urges its enactment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "O".

Paul O'Connor
Business Manager

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