



AZ STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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Arizona Building and Construction Trades President, “Sen. Flake’s bill is the first shot in a war against working families”

PHOENIX, January 30, 2017 – Dean Wine, president of the Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council, issued a stern response to Sen. Flake’s TIRE Act, which would repeal prevailing wage requirements from federal infrastructure construction projects. The bill was introduced to the U.S. Senate last week.

“The prevailing wage requirements protect all workers to ensure they are taking home a fair wage for a hard day’s work. It is unconscionable that Sen. Flake would take money from these middle class workers in order to line the pockets of special interests,” Wine noted.

“Without Davis Bacon, out-of-state contractors can low ball their bids and use out-of-state labor at a lower wage. Sen. Flake should focus on protecting local businesses and contractors, not subsidizing those who will lowball Arizona and hurt our economy,” Wine said.

Wine added, “The working families and responsible contractors of the building trades are paying attention. We saw this during the 2016 campaign, and we will see it to a greater effect in 2018. Sen. Flake should withdraw the TIRE Act from consideration if he wants a shot at earning our votes in his upcoming election.”

The Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council has served Arizona’s construction labor unions for more than 50 years. Now with 17 affiliates representing 11,000 members, the Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council works with its affiliates, labor partners and contractors to provide and continue to grow an exceptional construction labor force.

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