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"Prevailing wage laws help small businesses like mine compete against larger companies and ensures we are attracting more workers into our industry."

Kip Cunningham, third-generation owner of Cunningham Construction

ABOUT

Prevailing Wage policies provide a state-set minimum wage for skilled construction workers and ending this policy will cut the pay of working tradesmen and women in Michigan

Michigan's prevailing wage law mandates that construction workers on state-financed construction projects are paid fair, standardized wages and benefits, regardless of whether they are union or non-union.

Under prevailing wage, both union and non-union workers are able to better provide for their families.

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KNOW THE FACTS

FACT #1

Repealing prevailing wages laws will cut the pay of skilled tradesmen and women in Michigan.

- That includes veterans, who are more likely to work in skilled construction jobs
- Cutting the pay of skilled tradesmen takes food off of the tables of Michigan workers who are just getting back on their feet
- Skilled tradesmen and women will leave Michigan in search of better paying jobs



FACT #2

Prevailing wages help small Michigan businesses compete with large out-of-state companies.

Current law allows:

- Small businesses to compete with large out-of-state businesses in wages and benefits
- Lets union and non-union companies compete equally for jobs
- Every worker, union and non-union, is paid an equal, fair wage — companies cannot cut worker pay to win a bid

FACT #3

Cutting pay won't help Michigan attract or create skilled trades workers.

- Skilled trades workers are vital to our economy
- Skilled trades are having a tough time attracting men and women into their field
- Lowering worker pay will not help attract more skilled trades workers

BOTTOM LINE: This proposal will cut the pay of skilled workers in Michigan. It will also hurt small construction companies, making it harder for them to compete.

There is no evidence it will save tax dollars, but will hurt the pay for working men and women in Michigan.

