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Dear City Council Member / Village Board Member,

I am writing to urge you to pass a comprehensive *Responsible Bidder Ordinance* for public works construction contracts.

As elected officials, our responsibility is to protect the interests of our taxpayers and all our constituents. That means more than just seeking the lowest bid. It means ensuring the work is done correctly by qualified professionals the first time. It means following the highest safety standards, to protect taxpayers from liability. We all know that quality workmanship sometimes costs more upfront, but it saves money in the long run.

A comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance protects local economies through the employment of expertly trained, local tradesmen. Contractors who meet the responsible bidder standards ensure compliance with all laws prerequisite of doing business in Illinois and that employees have access to training as defined by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship Training for each of the trades of work contemplated under the awarded contract.

Happily, the Illinois General Assembly recently passed Public Act 93-0642, which brings higher standards of accountability to contractors working on State projects. I hope that we can bring this same common-sense approach to municipalities throughout the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. D'Amico". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John C. D'Amico
Representative
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