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Dear Village Board Member,

I am writing in support of a comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance for all public works construction contracts issued by your village.

As you know, it is important to protect the well being of both our local economy and workers. A comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance protects local economies through the employment of expertly trained, local tradesmen. Contractors who meet the responsible bidder standards must ensure compliance with Illinois labor and business laws. Also, these contractors are obligated to provide their employees access to job training that meets the standards set forth by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, which, in turn, helps ensure more experienced employees who can produce a higher quality product.

Furthermore, better trained workers offer increased awareness of safety which decreases liability for the village and ensures the highest quality product for the taxpayers.

I urge you to consider adopting a Responsible Bidder Ordinance for the increased benefits that it brings our local economies.

Sincerely,



Melissa L. Bean  
Member of Congress