

Dear _____,

I urge you to support IDA Reform so that New Yorkers can be confident that our IDAs are supporting RESPONSIBLE businesses that provide GOOD jobs and services to the taxpayers of this state.

Every year, Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) grant over \$400 million dollars in public subsidies and tax incentives to corporations and developers promising jobs and other economic opportunities to New Yorkers. Unfortunately, many of the businesses currently being subsidized are not bringing quality jobs to the community. Our government must ensure that public money is spent responsibly.

As a member of the NYS Building & Construction Trades Council, I would like to see IDA Reform that ensures prevailing wages are being paid to workers on IDA sponsored projects. Additionally, I would like to see reform that adopts regional hiring requirements and the use of apprenticeship programs to ensure that local workers are used on these projects. It is only with the guarantee of *prevailing wages for local workers* that IDAs will realize their potential benefit in strengthening and building communities.

I strongly urge your support of responsible IDA Reform.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,