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Dear Members of the New Jersey State Assembly:

Please Support:

- A-998 (Vainieri Huttler): Privatization Cost Analysis*
- A-1196 (Stender / Egan): Thomas Canzanella First Responder Protection Act*
- A-1578 (Wisniewski): Truck Operator Independent Contractor Act*
- A-2384 (Singleton / Benson): Prohibits Certain Contractors from Public Works*
- A-3300 (Singleton / Conaway): Provides State parity for contractors barred from Receiving federal contracts.*

A-998 seeks to promote transparency when services are privatized and ensures that projected savings associated with a privatized contract are actually achieved. It also helps maintain compensation levels for employees working under a privatized contract. This bill is good for taxpayers and workers alike.

A-1578 seeks to combat widespread misclassification of employees in the trucking and parcel delivery industry. The bill before you today is a win-win for the state, taxpayers, employees and employers that play by the rules in this industry, because when misclassification occurs, costs that are traditionally borne by the employer are shifted onto employees, thereby reducing their earnings, while simultaneously cheating state administered funds such as unemployment insurance and temporary disability insurance out of revenue.

A-2384 states that no contractor or subcontractor can register as a "public works contractor" if the contractor or subcontractor has violated, in any of the three most recent years, a total of three or more "willful" violations of certain State wage, benefit and tax laws, as well as safety or health standards subject to the "Occupational Safety and Health Act, or OSHA.

Finally, A-1196 seeks to aid first responders and A-3300 seeks to ensure that contractors that are barred from working on federal contract are also barred from working on state contracts. Thank you for your attention to these important bills and the New Jersey State AFL-CIO respectfully asks for your support.

Sincerely,

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