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Dear Senator,

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters fully supports the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order and accompanying regulations which put in place strong protections for workers employed by government contractors. I urge you to oppose any rollback or weakening of these important worker protections.

Nearly one third of companies that hold federal contracts violate labor laws. These employers refuse to pay earned overtime wages, have discriminatory hiring or pay practices, and put workers in physical danger on the job. These labor violations are detrimental to the American worker and companies that play by the rules. Companies with significant violations should not be receiving lucrative government contracts without disclosure; they should be accountable for these violations.

The Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order and subsequent regulations are meant to protect American workers and taxpayers by ensuring that companies wishing to hold federal contracts comply with employment laws such as the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act. While some in Congress are attempting to label the regulations as "blacklisting," the US government should not be handing taxpayer money to companies that blatantly violate labor and workplace laws. H. J. Res. 37, the legislation introduced to roll back the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces regulations, puts corporate interests ahead of worker rights. I urge you to stand up for working American families, including the 1.4 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, against corporate interests by opposing H. J. Res. 37. I urge you to vote no on H.J. Res. 37 should it come to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Hoffa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James P. Hoffa  
General President