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## **MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION**

**BILL: Various LBDC Bill Drafts; S.1947/A.1261; A.8418**

**SUBJECT: All End of Session Prevailing Wage Bills and Drafts**

**DATE: June 19, 2019**

The Associated General Contractors of New York State, (AGC NYS) the leading statewide trade association representing union and open shop construction companies strongly opposes all end of session prevailing wage bills and draft proposals.

The Governor, state legislators, and regional special interest groups are trying to cut a backroom deal on the final day of legislative session by the excluding New York City from a radical prevailing wage mandate on construction projects partially funded by the state.

### **WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE MOST RECENT BILL DRAFT:**

- the bill would broadly apply to most construction projects receiving any amount of state funding including LDC's, IDA's, trucking,
- inexplicably EXEMPTS NEW YORK CITY from the bill while authorizing the Commissioner of Labor to negotiate with NYC special interests about moving forward;
- exempts some but not all housing projects;
- exempts projects with a project-labor agreement;
- exempts construction funded by Urban Development Corporation;
- exempts five megawatt or greater renewable energy system exemption;
- adds a great deal of responsibility on developers but also allows some of that to be delegated to the contractor;
- requires M/WBE participation and reporting on minority workforce participation; and
- adds apprenticeship diversity reporting requirements.

**AGC NYS strongly opposes all end of session prevailing wage bills and draft proposals and urges the legislature to reject these prevailing wage proposals.**