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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB426

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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Re: Senate Bill 426

Dear Senator Prozanski, Vice-Chair Senator Thatcher and members of the Committee;

Ha ha.... "Makes an owner and a direct contractor jointly and severally liable in a civil action for any unpaid wages owed to the unrepresented employees of the direct contractor and subcontractors at any tier."

I doubt the sponsors and supporters of this bill are joking! But, good grief! If I hire a contractor I'm liable for wages to their employee? What! Despite any semblance of logic, apparently they're serious.

There was a time when we used to be responsible for our own actions. That seems to have gone by the wayside in the last decade or so. Now we are at the stage when something like SB426 can be sponsored by grown adults and deemed worthy to be sent to Committee to be considered.

I am almost speechless. (However, this letter proves otherwise).

Senate Bill 426 is bad legislation. Remember, it is better to stop bad legislation than it is to pass good legislation. This is much more than the proverbial can o' worms.

I urge you to table SB 426 and use the Committee's time and resources in a more productive manner.

Thank you,
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