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RE: SB426

While I support the commitment to protect workers from wage theft and ensure fair compensation for workers, I believe that SB 426, in its current form, will have the unintended consequences of increasing housing costs, and shifting the liability for unpaid wages to the property owners. It will not hold unscrupulous contractors and/or subcontractors accountable.

Many contractors and subcontractors hire undocumented persons who are here to work off indebtedness to the cartels to be able to come to the United States. They should be paid for their work, although I believe that it would be more honorable and advantageous to hire persons who are legally eligible to work.

I strongly support an amendment to fix these possible consequences before you consider passing the bill. I urge you to amend SB426 to protect property owners, and stop the illegal withholding of wages paid to the unrepresented employees of subcontractors.