

Resolution to Prohibit Project Labor Agreements (PLA)

WHEREAS, the construction industry has suffered from the effects of a difficult economy and currently 85% of the construction workforce are discriminated against when a union-only project labor agreement (PLA) is placed on a public-funded project, cutting out competition on bidding and thereby increasing unnecessary costs on construction projects which the taxpayers will have to pay; and

WHEREAS, the freedom of American workers to voluntarily organize or to choose not to organize is their undeniable right.

WHEREAS, a fair bidding process would allow all businesses the opportunity to bid on projects and awarding bids shall be based on safety and quality of projects in the most cost-effective manner; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania, do hereby express our grave concern over the use of project labor agreements on construction projects which burden the taxpayers of the Commonwealth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania, do hereby strongly call upon our representatives in the Pennsylvania House and Senate to support all Pennsylvania workers and taxpayers by passing legislation to prohibit project labor agreements on all future public-funded construction projects throughout the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted by:
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