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Dear Gov. Quinn:

I am writing to you regarding a matter that is of great importance to me and my family. I am a member of the Carpenters union and I work in the trade show industry at McCormick Place.

Senate Bill 28 legislation as written is not the answer. I ask that you **NOT** support any massive work-rule changes at McCormick Place. This would directly impact my income and would decrease my hours and those of other members. We need to work 250 hours each quarter to maintain our insurance benefits.

We have given up many things in the past 25 years to help keep business here in Chicago. Every time cost issues arise, labor is blamed. By pointing the finger at labor they are trying to take the spotlight off themselves. Senate Bill 28 turns McCormick Place into a right-to-work facility, allowing out-of-state exhibitors to take the jobs of local union labor.

Show managers, the tourism bureau, contractors, MPEA, and exhibitors have praised the quality of labor here in Chicago as the best in the business. With more drastic cuts to wages and/or work rules, those of us in this highly qualified work force will not be able to support ourselves let alone our families. We will have to look elsewhere for a job, and McCormick Place will lose one of the best things it has going for it.

I am relying on you to make the right choice. We understand and agree that new rules and standards need to be enacted to retain and attract business to McCormick Place. But please do not make the working men and women pay the price for the mistakes of others. Please sign Senate Bill 28...but only after an amendment that strips the bill of its massive work-rule changes that would directly affect me and my family.

Sincerely,

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