



April 7, 2010

Senator Thomas M. McGee, Chair
Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development
State House – Room 112
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Request for meeting regarding independent contractor legislation

Dear Senator McGee:

Thank you for your comments regarding the need to fix the Commonwealth’s so-called independent contractor law. We write on behalf of a broad coalition of businesses representing employers, entrepreneurs and Massachusetts residents to thank you for your comments during last week’s debate on S.2345, An Act promoting economic development throughout the Commonwealth. Your comments on the floor indicate that you recognize the problems and consequences of the current law governing independent contractors, which are an obstacle to creating jobs in the Commonwealth. We are also appreciative of your expressed commitment to work with everyone during this legislative session to bring about a resolution to this critical issue.

Given the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development’s reporting deadline of April 30, 2010 regarding independent contractor legislation, we would be grateful to you for organizing a meeting regarding this issue. We are committed to working with you and your colleagues towards a fair and equitable resolution of this difficult issue.

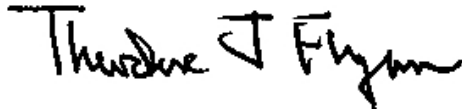
Sincerely,

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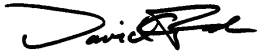
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CC: Representative Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, Chair
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