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ABC Wants Prevailing Wage Repealed

The Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan (ABC) want the state's prevailing wage repealed.

ABC issued its opinion a day after the Mackinac Center for Public Policy released a report that said this wage costs Michigan taxpayers an extra \$250 million each year (See "Labor/Mackinac Center Battle Right-To-Work," 8/29/07).

"As lawmakers and the governor try to balance the state budget, they should take a serious look at repealing Michigan's prevailing wage law," said ABC Director Chris FISHER. "This law is tantamount to government-sanctioned wage fixing. It is anything but 'prevailing,' and it comes at the expense of Michigan jobs and taxpayer dollars. We need to promote competitive wages that are neither artificially low nor high."

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