

SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210

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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sanders:

As you know, the Department of Labor has recently recovered more than \$3 million in back wages for several hundred employees of Computer Sciences Corp. and SI International SEIT Inc., contractors for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Vermont Service Center.

This was the result of investigations by the Department's Wage and Hour Division which cited these companies for violations under the McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act's prevailing wage provisions.

The McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act requires contractors and subcontractors performing on federal service contracts in excess of \$2,500 to pay service employees no less than the wage rates and fringe benefits found prevailing in the locality for the classification of work that they perform.

I am pleased that these workers will finally be properly compensated for the work they were performing during their employment at the Vermont Service Center. The laws governing prevailing wages on federal contracts provide important protections for workers, and the Department of Labor will continue to ensure that companies that perform work for the federal government are held to these labor standards.

Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. Please express my gratitude to these workers for the important services they provide our nation.

Sincerely,



HILDA L. SOLIS
Secretary of Labor