

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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**Don't Roll Back the Davis-Bacon
Act!**

Vote No on HR 2869!

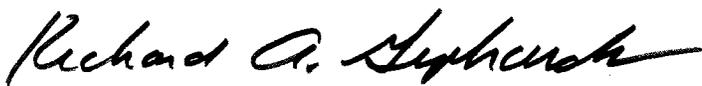
This week, the House may vote on HR 2869, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. This bill will eliminate the application of the Davis-Bacon Act to cleanups funded under the EPA Brownfields program.

Democrats have supported Brownfields legislation since 1993 – but will not support the recent efforts of the Administration to roll back the protections of Davis-Bacon.

Since 1931, the Davis-Bacon Act guaranteed a fair wage to workers on Federally financed construction projects, and the EPA Brownfields program always has applied the Davis-Bacon Act wage protections to cleanups funded under it. Officials of the EPA previously provided assurances that Administrator Whitman would provide a letter stating her intent to apply Davis-Bacon wage protections to Brownfields grants as the Senate stated in its report. Now, the Administration refuses to agree to continue to apply Davis-Bacon to this highly successful program.

No one is requesting an expansion of the Davis-Bacon Act – just a continuation of the status quo. But the Administration refuses to acknowledge the success of the Brownfields program and Davis-Bacon working in partnership. The Administration could have given assurances related to the application of Davis-Bacon but refused at the last minute.

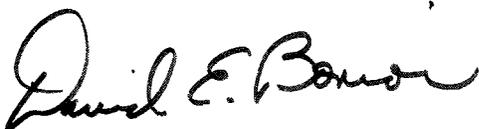
Support America's cleanup workers. **Vote no on HR 2869.**



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