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**IRON WORKERS DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTH CENTRAL STATES
STATEMENT ON EXECUTIVE ORDER 20 – WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION**

The Iron Workers District Council of North Central States applauds Governor Tony Evers for signing Executive Order #20 which will provide the framework and tools to fight the growing problem of Worker Misclassification in Wisconsin.

The stability of Wisconsin's skilled construction industry is under siege by corrupt contractors who undercut the system and cheat employees by intentionally misclassifying workers. By treating a full time employee as an "independent contractor" and paying employees under the table, lawless contractors avoid paying Payroll Taxes, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and Workers Compensation.

This illegal practice puts honest, law-abiding contractors at a competitive disadvantage and cheats the hard working men and women in the construction industry out of the benefits and the protections they have earned.

We commend Governor Tony Evers for his leadership and historic action to stand up for working families, the skilled and well-trained professionals in the construction industry, and taxpayers across Wisconsin.

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