

LOST REVENUE

Our City, County, State and Federal Governments are facing huge deficits which will only increase when workers are (mis)classified as “independent contractors.” With lower wages being paid to independent contractors, thereby meaning they have less money to spend in local retailers, at local professionals, and the independent contractors’ taxes not being paid; we are in a race to the bottom in terms of wages and the survival of South Bend, as we know it. Given this situation, just who do you think is going to make up these lost revenues???? Of course, you and us.

HIGHER INSURANCE COSTS & OTHER INJURIES TO SOUTH BEND

Independent contractors are usually uninsured. When they and their families get sick, are injured or need prescription drugs, where do they go? Naturally, they utilize public facilities which are supported by our tax dollars. The same is true with the increasing burden on our public schools; more kids/lower taxes collected. Likewise, most independent contractors do not have unemployment insurance or workmens’ comp insurance which makes them much more dependent on guess who? Once again, you and us, we are going to pay for them.

THE IMPACT ON LOCAL COMPANIES TREATING THEIR WORKERS AS EMPLOYEES AND ON LOCAL WORKERS THEMSELVES

These decent companies will go out of business or be forced to go the same route. How can these companies compete against independent contractors? How do they compete when their bids are higher by 30% or more than independent contractors? Why should customers, such as **WNIT**, be subsidized due to the situations which have identified above? Why should the people of South Bend be penalized as we also have explained above? Why should workers be hurt?

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PLEASE JOIN US IN NOTIFYING **WNIT** AND **HOLLADAY CONSTRUCTION** THAT THE USE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS IS NOT BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH BEND.

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