## What Rep. Marilyn Musgrave doesn't want you to know about the Davis-Bacon Act:

Rep. Marilyn Musgrave has sponsored HR 2672, legislation that would cut the wages for American construction workers... *both non-union and union*.

She erroneously claims that repealing Davis-Bacon prevailing wage coverage will save anywhere from 5% to 38% in construction costs. Study after neutral study dispute her wild claims.



## **Davis-Bacon PROTECTS ALL construction workers!**

## Here's what *any* construction worker could teach Rep. Musgrave about the Davis-Bacon Act:

- Labor costs account for approximately 25% of overall construction costs. To achieve Rep. Musgrave's fantasy cost savings through cutting wages, American workers would have to be paid next to nothing at all.
- Davis-Bacon guarantees that federal construction activity is not used to undercut community wage standards, workers' pensions and family medical coverage.
- Davis-Bacon is market driven. The Department of Labor does area wage surveys and then sets Davis-Bacon wage rates for each trade based on what local contractors pay their employees.
- Davis-Bacon sets standards for contractors and ensures safe, quality construction.
- Lowering wages lowers productivity. That's common sense... whether in Congress or on a construction project.

## Instead of jobs, Rep. Musgrave and the co-sponsors of HR 2672 are bringing home pay cuts for the working men and women they are supposed to serve.

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