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Blah, blah, blah, **Increased Wages**, blah, blah, blah, Vote for Larry, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, **Increased Geographic Differential**, blah, blah, blah, blab, Vote for Larry, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, **Add a Merit Step G like GGU did in 2000**, blah, blah, Vote for Larry, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, **Improved Health Insurance**, and other items that need to be addressed such as clarifying ambiguous language, eliminating holes, getting beneficial language from other State contracts into ours, etc.

Why vote for me. I started with the State of Alaska in Bridge Design over 24 years ago and promoted into a supervisory position as the Bridge Management Engineer over 10 years ago. In my current position, I negotiate contracts with consultants to provide engineering services for the design, inspection, and construction of bridges throughout Alaska. For the 15 years prior to my promotion, I worked as a Bridge Designer, designing and inspecting bridges throughout the state. Before coming to Alaska, I worked for Washington State Ferries as a Project Manager and again I negotiated contracts with consultants to provide engineering services for ferry terminals. Throughout my career, I have dealt with engineering economics and the time value of money daily including taking classes in school.

In 2012 and 2009, I was elected to the non-supervisory (GGU) contract negotiating committee and was part of the team behind getting a Geographic Differential for Juneau added to the contract for the first time. During my time on that committee, wages went up and monthly employee contribution to the health care premiums went down. Further, we made improvements for overtime-ineligible employees by increasing the hours eligible for Flextime as well as increasing the daily and total maximum limits.

As a husband and father of two kids, I am aware of the cost of goods and services needed to provide for my family. Increased wages including an increased geographic differential and reduced employee health care contributions, goes a long way in improving quality of life and ensuring financial stability.

These are all important skills for contract negotiator to have to get the best contract possible.

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