**Bill Would Make Money Available to Spur Job Creation**

Washington, D.C.- U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted today in support of H.R. 674, a bill that would permanently repeal the three percent withholding requirement on certain payments made to contractors doing business with federal, state, and local governments. Absent repeal of this requirement, contractors would be prevented from receiving immediate payment of the full amount of their government contracts. By fully repealing this provision, H.R. 674 removes these withheld funds from government control and allows them to be used for job creation. The bill passed the House 405-16.

"Permanently repealing the three percent withholding requirement will allow government contractors to focus more on their core businesses and less on when they will get paid," said Pence. "The three percent withholding provision increases uncertainty and hinders job creation by placing significant burdens on cash-strapped companies. By repealing it, we eliminate an unnecessary rule that hurts businesses and impedes Hoosier job growth."

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