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Central Labor Council
in re violations of
minimum wage for
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your

PUBLIC SAFETY & DEPARTMENT EFFICIENCY

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Communication

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

it be

placed on file.

CHAIRMAN

W. B. Dale
Chairman

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

OF SEATTLE AND VICINITY

AFFILIATED WITH

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

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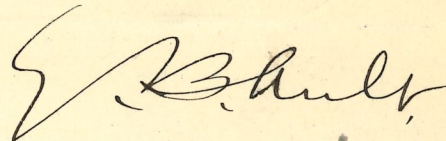
To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Seattle.

Gentlemen:-

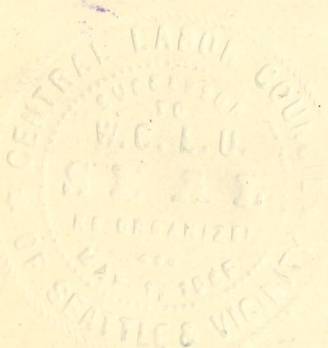
I am instructed by the Central Labor Council of Seattle and Vicinity, representing all the organized trades in this city, to forward to you the enclosed resolutions regarding the evasions of the minimum wage law of the city, and most earnestly request that you immediately take action in accordance with the sentiments expressed therein.

Thanking you for past courtesies, and I am,

Yours respectfully,



Secretary.



Seattle, Washington, August 14, 1912.

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:-

Whereas, it has been brought to our attention that many different methods are being used to prevent the carrying out of the provisions of the minimum wage scale law as adopted by the people of the City of Seattle at the last election; and

Whereas, one of the purposes, and the intention, of said law was to give resident citizens who have to pay the taxes and assessments the preference, so far as possible, on all public work; and

Whereas, for the purpose of evading the law, men, who are not citizens, combine and take contracts and do the work themselves at less than living wages; team owners and contractors charge exorbitant prices for board, and put signs in their barns to that effect, thereby making from three to three and one-half dollars per week difference to men employed on city work; laboring men are paid two dollars and seventy-five cents per day in some instances and then required to rebate a portion of their salaries to their employers, and in other ways the law is being evaded;

Therefore, we request you to make a thorough investigation of this matter and of ways adopted to get around the plain provisions of the charter, to the end that something may be done to compel compliance with the spirit and the letter of the law in this regard.

(Signed)

