

**Seth Hutchinson
CWA – TSEU
1700 S. 1st St., Austin, TX 78704**

Dear Brother Hutchinson,

My name is Karrie Washenfelder, I am the President of the American Federation of Teachers Local 6198, (Fort Bend-AFT) and have served in that capacity for the past 15 years.

I am writing this letter in support of Bill Bobrick's application for the Houston-based organizer position with CWA-TSEU, Local 6186.

I have been working with Mr. Bobrick on various projects since he moved back to the Houston area to look after his elderly mother.

I am very familiar with his stellar career as an advocate in Alaska, first as a Union Organizer, (with organizing experience on the University of Alaska, Anchorage campus) then his work as the former Executive Director of the Alaska state Democratic Party, and his work as a lobbyist and designer of grassroots lobbying campaigns. He is a quick study and has immersed himself in Texas state issues, and understands the challenges of organizing in a Right to Work state, (or as he calls it, "Right to Starve")

Bill is a rare individual who combines decades of experience in advocacy, political campaigns, and a proven track record of empowering workers and their families to advocate for themselves, in the workplace and in the halls of government.

He is currently signed up to take a temporary, part-time position with the Texas Educator Organizing Project (a joint venture of the AFT and Texas AFT), but he and I both believe that his skill sets would be an excellent fit with the Texas State Employees Union, and I know Bill would throw himself into building a long-term career with the CWA-TSEU, given the opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me if I can provide further insights as to why I think Mr. Bobrick would serve you extremely well.

My cell phone number is [281-384-4328](tel:281-384-4328), and my email address is karrie.washenfelder@fortbendaft.org .

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours in solidarity,

**Kerri Washenfelder,
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