Prevailing Wage and Productive Construction Workers
1. **The Truth:** Prevailing wage laws promote a skilled, highly-trained construction workforce.

2. **Fast Fact:** Prevailing wage repeal reduces registered apprenticeship programs by 40%.

3. **Fast Fact:** Construction workers in prevailing wage law states are up to 30% more productive than their counterparts in states without the law.

4. **Fast Fact:** States without prevailing wage laws had an 18% higher fatality rate from 2008-2013.

5. **Fast Fact:** Registered apprenticeship graduates earn $240,000 more over their lifetime compared to comparable workers.

6. **This Quote:** “Construction operates the largest privately financed system of higher education in the country.”
   
   – Peter Philips (2015)

7. **This Chart:**

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<th>Type of Construction</th>
<th>Percent Increased Productivity</th>
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<td>All Construction</td>
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<td>Water and sewer line and related structures construction</td>
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<td>Highway, street, and bridge construction</td>
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   (Source: See #9)

8. **This Study:** *Kentucky’s Prevailing Wage Law: An Economic Impact Analysis* by Peter Philips, University of Utah (2014).


10. **The Takeaway:** Prevailing wage fosters safe, productive *careers* – not just seasonal construction jobs.