



December 8, 2021

U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, a national trade association with 69 chapters representing more than 21,000 members, I am writing to express our support for S.J. Res. 29, to stop the Biden administration's OSHA COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard. **ABC strongly urges you to support S.J. Res. 29 and will consider this a "KEY VOTE" for our scorecard on the 117th Congress.**

Employers want COVID-19-free workplaces, but overreaching, rushed mandates are not the best path forward. This unnecessary ETS would exacerbate issues facing the construction industry, such as a workforce shortage of 430,000, rising materials prices and supply chain woes. It would also cause negative ripple effects throughout the overall American economy.

The ETS would require all employees to be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing and impose mask-wearing, paid time off and recordkeeping requirements, if implemented. While the fate of the ETS remains undecided due to ongoing court cases and the ETS currently applies only to employers with at least 100 employees, OSHA is also considering applying it to smaller employers creating additional uncertainty for many small businesses throughout the country.

At a time when the country is dealing with a supply chain crisis, labor shortage and rising inflation, we should not be issuing one-size-fits-all mandates that will devastate already struggling businesses. **ABC urges members of the U.S. Senate to VOTE YES on S.J. Res. 29 and will consider this a key vote for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen Swearingen".

Kristen Swearingen  
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