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President Donald J. Trump
725 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, a national construction industry trade association with 69 chapters representing more than 21,000 members, ABC is proud to endorse your reelection as president of the United States of America.

Your continued support for fair and open competition, job creation, small businesses and expanded workforce development initiatives during your first term in office have helped ABC members grow their businesses, upskill their workforce and create career enhancing jobs.

You and your administration have supported developing the workforce of the future by establishing the National Council for the American Worker, launching the Pledge to America's Workers, creating Opportunity Zones and signing the FIRST STEP Act, the most meaningful criminal justice reform in a generation. You are creating the conditions for all Americans to achieve their career goals.

Historically, construction paid the highest effective federal tax rate of any industry in the U.S. economy. By signing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, you lowered the pass-through income tax by 10 points and doubled the estate tax exemption. Tax reform, combined with historic regulatory reform, as well as your cabinet, National Labor Relations Board and judicial appointments, have given employers the confidence and the capital to reinvest in their businesses and their people and create millions of new jobs.

In addition, your promise to veto the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, legislation that will overturn freedom of choice in all existing right-to-work states, take away a worker's right to a secret ballot and eliminate the ability for workers to pursue independent contracting opportunities—not to mention attempt to implement labor law policies that were rejected by the judicial system, opposed on a bipartisan basis in Congress and/or abandoned by the agencies asked to enforce them—assures us you will protect the merit shop construction industry and small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy.

ABC looks forward to continuing our work with your administration on the issues critical to our industry, including establishing fair and open competition and creating the conditions for every individual to be safe and healthy and achieve their career dreams in the construction industry and the communities in which they live and work.

Sincerely,

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Associated Builders and Contractors

Tim Keating
Chair, Associated Builders and Contractors
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