



June 2, 2025

Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas  
Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 6740  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 338 (Solache) – Support if Amended (As Amended 5/23/2025)**

Dear Chair Smallwood-Cuevas:

Associated Builders and Contractors of California (ABC CA) is a statewide organization representing working Californians in carpentry, construction, construction craft laborer, electrical, low voltage, painting, plumbing, pipefitting, and sheet metal who are building commercial, industrial and affordable housing projects, and we write to express our support if amended position on AB 338 (Solache).

We have apprenticeship programs up and down the State of California. AB 338 allocates \$50 million to train and upskill underemployed and unemployed low- to moderate-income individuals to support the rebuilding and recovery of communities in Los Angeles and Ventura counties affected by the devastating January 2025 wildfires.

The bill recognizes the severe labor shortage in skilled trades and offers a meaningful opportunity to train local individuals, accelerate licensing, and get qualified workers on the ground quickly. This approach not only supports recovery but provides long-term economic uplift for affected communities. ABC of CA would like to be included in the opportunity offered by AB 338. We offered the following amendments to the author; we've asked that the bill be amended to allow business trade associations training in the construction craft trades, such as ABC CA, that have a Local Education Agency, to be automatically eligible to be listed on the CA Eligible Training Provider List with the California Employment Development Department.

We would love to an opportunity to sit down with your committee consultant to discuss this proposed amendment to AB 338.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Gutierrez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Gutierrez  
Chair of the Board