



September 23, 2025

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 291 (Grayson) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

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 position on SB 291 (Grayson), which revises and recasts the current requirements for a contractor licensee or applicant to have workers' compensation insurance coverage.

SB 291 is a commonsense measure allowing for a narrow exemption from WC insurance requirements for licensees who do not have employees. The bill also maintains protection for workers by establishing significant penalties for licensees who falsely claim an exemption. By passing this measure, we can uphold consumer protections while helping to ensure that California maintains the licensee population needed to meet consumer construction needs.

For these reasons, we request your signature on SB 291.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership on behalf of California's workers and employers. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Gutierrez', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg Gutierrez
Chair of the Board