



June 2, 2025

Senator Tim Grayson
1021 O Street, Suite 7250
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 291 (Grayson) – Support (As Amended 5/01/2025)

Dear Senator Grayson:

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.

We appreciate recent amendments taken to this bill which make SB 291 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, ABC CA supports SB 291 (Grayson).

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