



May 28, 2020

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, a national construction industry trade association with 69 chapters representing more than 21,000 members, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 7010, the Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act. This bipartisan legislation would implement necessary fixes to the PPP that will benefit the small business community with critical extensions and flexibility for the program that are much-needed. **ABC urges your support for these important modifications and will consider this a “KEY VOTE” for our scorecard on the 116th Congress.**

H.R. 7010 addresses concerns for many construction businesses working through this crisis, such as adjusting current restrictions on non-payroll expenses, extending loan forgiveness beyond the 8-week covered period and extending the rehiring deadline for employers.

ABC and our members also recognize the importance of slowing the spread of this virus and providing a safe, healthy workplace for our employees. While construction has been deemed essential work in many communities throughout the country, the construction industry has still been severely impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis while working to effectively mitigate the harmful impacts of this pandemic.

The Paycheck Protection Program has served as a vital lifeline for many of our nation’s small construction companies, allowing them to continue their businesses and retain employees during this health and economic crisis. ABC believes that the improvements to the PPP included in H.R. 7010 will help to ensure that our small construction businesses have more of the resources they need to lead the economic comeback once the crisis is over.

**ABC urges you to vote YES on this critical legislation and will consider this a “KEY VOTE” for our scorecard on the 116th Congress.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristen Swearingen', written in a cursive style.

Kristen Swearingen  
Vice President, Legislative & Political Affairs