



December 4, 2020

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs:

The National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) strongly supports the “Infrastructure Expansion Act” which would exempt federally funded infrastructure projects from New York’s archaic Scaffold Law.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the nation’s oldest trade associations and the voice of roofing professionals worldwide. NRCA’s nearly 4,000 member companies represent all segments of the industry, including contractors, manufacturers, distributors, consultants and other employers in all 50 states and internationally. NRCA members are typically small, privately held companies with the average member employing 45 people and attaining sales of \$4.5 million per year. The U.S. roofing industry is an essential \$100 billion+ sector with an estimated 1.1 million employees that provides critical materials and services to ensure home and business safety.

New York remains the only state that imposes an absolute liability standard for gravity-related injuries on construction sites. This standard adds an estimated 8-10% increase in costs to construction projects while doing nothing to improve safety on the jobsite.

This legislation provides commonsense changes that make property owners, contractors, and workers accountable for their own choices and conduct at construction sites that use federal taxpayer resources. We applaud your efforts and encourage swift passage of the “Infrastructure Expansion Act.”

Sincerely,

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