



July 13, 2022

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, a national trade association with 68 chapters representing more

**Restrictive Workforce Requirements:**

[Amendment No. 4](#), offered by Rep. Andy Kim, D-N.J., would impose a new requirement and preference for construction industry contractors and subcontractors that hire more than half their workforce from local areas. delay and increase costs on projects that are already facing significant material price increases and skilled labor shortages. ABC supports the goal of ensuring more local workers can be hired for construction projects in their communities, but the federal government should not impose restrictive requirements that ignore the reality of the workforce shortage of 650,000 workers facing the construction industry in 2022. Instead, ABC supports a focus on policies that truly expand workforce development and construction career opportunities , ensuring more local workers have the skills and experience needed to fill jobs in their communities.

troops and defense infrastructure and remains concerned that these restrictive labor policies would have negative consequences not only for the DOD contractor community but the construction industry as a whole. Such costly and controversial policies should be rejected by the House and **ABC must urge a NO VOTE on these amendments and will consider them** S