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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a national construction industry trade association with 70 chapters representing nearly 21,000 chapter members, I am writing to express our strong support for H.J.Res. 83, introduced by Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-Ala.), which would block implementation of the

f Each Recordable Injury and Illness, the final rule extends the time period in which an employer may be cited by OSHA for recordkeeping violations from six months to up to five years.

not only contradicts the clear statutory language of the OSH Act, but also two federal appeals courts.

illnesses. OSHA still has the right to cite employers for a recordkeeping violation under the OSH Act. ABC members understand that safety and health practices are inherently good for business; however, this rulemaking does nothing to improve workplace safety and is simply a paperwork burden.
overstepping of its authority and a contradiction of the OSH Act and U.S. Court of Appeals decisions.

We ur Byrne for introducing this important resolution and look forward to working with Congress to restore the rule of law.

Sincerely,

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