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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a national association with 70 chapters representing nearly 21,000 chapter members, I am writing to express our support for the Senate wrap-around amendment to the House-passed H.R. 3762, the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act. **ABC strongly urges your support of this legislation, and will consider this a "KEY VOTE" for our 114th Congressional Scorecard.**

Since the enactment of the law more than five years ago, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) has continued to create uncertainty and confusion in the construction industry, making it difficult for the nation's contractors to plan for the future and create jobs. Being forced to provide government-prescribed health insurance means that ABC members no longer have the choice or flexibility to structure health care coverage options that meet the needs of their fluctuating workforce.

ABC has long advocated for repeal of the employer mandate provision in PPACA. This legislation would cripple the mandate by eliminating penalties for failure to comply, effective January 1, 2015. We have also been vocal in our opposition to the HIT tax, which imposes an annual fee on health insurers that is eventually passed along to consumers. This bill would repeal that tax, effective in 2016. In addition, it would repeal the \$2,500 per year restrictions on contributions to FSAs, effective 2016.

Providing quality health care benefits is a top priority for ABC and its member companies. ABC continues to call on Congress to advance common-sense health care solutions that will provide greater choice and affordability. We look forward to working with Congress to replace PPACA with thoughtful, cost-saving reforms that encourage small businesses to thrive.

ABC urges you to vote YES on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3762 and will consider this a "KEY VOTE" for our 114th Congressional Scorecard.

Sincerely,

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