

Dear Decent Person:

ABC Seeks to Block New Rule to Promote Hiring of Military Vets and Disabled Americans.

The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) has filed an injunction to prevent the implementation of a new rule by the U.S. Department of Labor that would encourage the hiring of disabled Americans and military veterans, calling it **"wasteful and burdensome."**

All Building Trades Councils, Local Unions and decent people are encouraged to share this information with local public officials, as well as business and community leaders, and remind them - once again - that the ABC is nothing more than a right-wing ideological, anti-union organization that does not represent the voice of the construction industry and does not engage in any activities designed to promote or enhance the industry. In fact, the **ABC represents less than 1% of all construction** contractors in the United States.

The ABC's primary reason for being has been, and continues to be, to neutralize and limit the scope of the unionized construction industry. To reduce wages and eliminate benefits for hard working Americans!

It is worth the effort to remind your local leaders that where the unionized construction industry invests **over \$1 billion a year in skilled craft workforce development**; the ABC shuns such investments.

That is why they have been actively and aggressively seeking a new and expanded foreign guest worker program in the US Congress - so its members can continue to have ready access to a low-wage, low-skill, and easily exploitable workforce that extracts tremendous social and economic costs from communities all across the nation.

The unionized construction industry is proactive in working to create structured pathways for disadvantaged Americans (women, minorities, military veterans, etc.) to secure quality career training and skills development opportunities in the construction industry.

The ABC criticizes and actually devotes significant resources to oppose such efforts.

Please do all that you can to let people know of this latest example of how the ABC is "driving the low road" in the U.S. construction industry.

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