

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

September 23, 2020

Dear Governor Cuomo,

With this letter, we are presenting our video message to you, urging you to use your executive power and issue a twelve (12) month moratorium on the application of the “Absolute Liability” provisions of the Scaffold Law, explaining why it is the right thing to do, at the right time.

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This is our second attempt to get your attention, after our June 18, 2020 letter concerning this important issue.

We sincerely hope that this time, and because of the Covid-19 pandemic continuous impact, this message is taken seriously. It is the result of great effort and collaboration; it is the voice of over 50 organizations and countless individuals in New York state.

The decisions made in the next few weeks will affect millions of New Yorkers — and with us, hundreds of millions of Americans for whom our state’s economy is a driving force.

We know you feel the pain, and that you want to help make lives better.

We are looking forward to a response and action on our urgent request for a twelve (12) month moratorium on the application of the “Absolute Liability” provisions of the Scaffold Law.

Respectfully,

Allied Building Metal
American Property Casualty Insurance Association
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated General Contractors
Association for a Better Long Island
Big I New York
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
Bronx Chamber of Commerce

Business Council of Westchester
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Builders Exchange of the Southern Tier
Building Owners and Managers of Buffalo
Building Owners and Managers Association of Westchester New York
Business Council of Westchester
Capital Region Chamber of Commerce
Construction Exchange of Buffalo
Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce
Home Builders and Remodelers of Central New York
Lawsuit Reform Alliance of New York
Long Island Builders Institute
The Minority & Women Contractors & Developers Association
New York City Special Riggers Association
New York Federation for Independent Business
New York State Builders Association
New York State School Boards Association
North Country Chamber of Commerce
Northeastern Retail Lumber Association
Northeastern Subcontractors Association
Queens Chamber of Commerce
Real Estate Board of New York
Rockland Business Association
Subcontractors Trade Association
Syracuse Builders Exchange
Trucking Association of New York
Westchester County Association

Cc: Linda Lacewell, Superintendent, Department of Financial Services

