



March 21, 2022

Representative Andy Josephson

State Capitol Room 502

Juneau, AK 99801

Sent via email: Representative.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov

Re: Support for House Bill 30 "Workers' Comp: Death, Perm Partial Impair"

Dear Representative Josephson,

Associated Builders and Contractors of Alaska ("ABC") is the voice of the Alaska construction industry, advocating for the details of free enterprise, developing training for the workforce and providing contractors the resources required to compete in the ever-changing business environment.

ABC supports the Committee Substitute for House Bill 30 Finance. Workers' Compensation policy is based on the often repeated "Grand Bargain" between employers and employees. Injured workers forego the right to sue in civil court for workplace injuries and in exchange injured workers receive statutory benefits in a no-fault system. However, the grand bargain only works if it returns fair benefits to injured workers. HB30 updates the benefits for permanent partial impairment and death to reflect a more appropriate amount.

While workers compensation is often discussed in terms of cost, ABC values employees and workers as people and the more important part of a successful business. ABC supports fair treatment of workers and supports updating workers' compensation benefits as outlined in CSHB30 (FIN

Thank you for advancing this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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