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## News Release

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### **Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania Passes Resolution Calling for Prohibition of Project Labor Agreements**

**Hershey, PA** – The Associated Builders and Contractors of Western Pennsylvania (ABC) commends the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania for passing a resolution that calls upon our state elected officials to prohibit project labor agreements (PLAs) on all future public-funded construction projects throughout the state.

The Republican State Committee recognized that with 85% of the construction workforce being discriminated against when a union-favoring PLA is placed upon a project, competition is cut out and costs are increased.

Eileen Watt, president of ABC stated, “We cannot congratulate the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania enough for supporting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth. The increased costs that come with PLAs are subsequently passed along to the taxpayers, financially burdening them in a struggling economy.”

ABC urges our representatives in the Pennsylvania House and Senate to support the Republican State Committee and taxpayers by passing legislation that will ban PLAs on all public-funded construction projects in Pennsylvania.

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