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ABC Pennsylvania Applauds Passage of House Bill 2400

(GBSONIA, PA.) The Associated Builders and Contractors of Pennsylvania (ABC Pennsylvania) has been supportive of state and federal guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Businesses that are essential or have been granted waivers from the governor’s business closure order must follow COVID-19 social distancing, mitigation, and cleaning protocols. ABC Pennsylvania members who have waivers enhanced their safety plans accordingly to include jobsite control measures and other mitigation protocols.

House Bill 2400, introduced by Speaker Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny) and 103 co-sponsors, would activate public and private construction projects that have been shut down if they can adhere to these same COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

“This legislation empowers general contractors and specialty contractors to make decisions based on their ability to implement COVID-19 safety guidelines and in the best interest of their workforce,” said Jason Lawrence, president, Lawrence Plumbing LLC, and ABC Western Pennsylvania Chapter vice chair. “We encourage the Senate to take up the measure so we can get back to work in a smart way.”

In order to assist members that may need resources, ABC Pennsylvania created a COVID-19 Construction Safety Task Force to provide guidance, best practices, and standards for the construction industry to incorporate into their required plans. We have extended an open invitation to partner with Governor Wolf, the legislature, and industry partners on ways to implement these strong, reasonable, and practical safety standards.

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