



Connecticut Chapter

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HB 5205 Construction Safety Refresher Training Courses

I am the President (Executive Director) of Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC). CT ABC is a statewide membership association that represents merit contractors and is the largest construction association in Connecticut.

We come before you today to provide input on HB 5205 Construction Safety Refresher Training Courses.

CT ABC strongly supports ongoing safety training. As has been tragically highlighted over the last year, ours is a dangerous industry. Employers should remind their employees of that constantly. Our current law, which requires a 10 hour safety course every five years was a good step for all firms that work on public projects.

In concept, we support the refresher course. There is much to be said for a shorter class with greater flexibility in content than we are currently allowed with the mostly standardized OSHA 10.

We do have a few concerns over implementation and look forward to continuing to address those with the unions and other trade associations. We are confident that we can resolve those and as such, we thank the committee and urge their support for HB 5205.