

# News Release



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## **ABC Pennsylvania Supports Legislation Allowing Construction Activities to Continue**

(EAST NORRITON, PA.) During these unprecedented times, the wellbeing of our workforce and residents is – and always will be – paramount. [The Associated Builders and Contractors of Pennsylvania \(ABC Pennsylvania\)](#) stands by and supports our government leaders in protecting the health and safety of all Pennsylvanians during this time of emergency.

In Pennsylvania, construction activities are permitted if a waiver is granted from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). ABC Pennsylvania supports those operations to continue if they are done in a safe way and trusts businesses to make their own decisions, as each project is unique. That is why ABC Pennsylvania created a Construction Safety Task Force to provide guidance, best practices and standards for the construction industry both during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Along these lines, ABC Pennsylvania supports House Bill 2400 and Senate Bill 1105, which will permit public and private construction activities that can adhere to social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“We thank Speaker Turzai and Senators Arnold, Bartolotta, DiSanto, and Laughlin for introducing this legislation,” said Joe Perpiglia, president and CEO, [ABC Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter](#). “The high number of co-sponsors speaks volumes, and we appreciate the recognition that private and public construction is an essential part of our economy. We urge Republican and Democratic leaders to move this bill.”

“Our top priority is to ensure the entire construction industry can restart in a way that protects the health of workers and the public,” said Tammi Talese, director of administrative services, KLOVER Contracting, Inc., and ABC Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter board chair. “Let’s all join together to accomplish this worthy goal.”

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