

May 3, 2023

RE: Support Senate Bill 228

Dear Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Elmer and Sosa, and Members of the Committee:

As representatives of the construction industry, we would like to express our support for Senate Bill 228. Our members interact with the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) on a regular basis, and it continues to be a well-run agency that both helps contractors and protects the consumer.

We support SB 228 and the tools it gives to the CCB. The agency has requested certain changes to statute to assist them in modernizing their systems, and streamlining some of their procedures. It will also provide additional consumer protections.

We particularly support Section 4 of the bill, and the way it deals with bad actors in the construction industry. We often hear about incidents of wage theft where a contractor will have their license revoked and then get another license under another name. We believe that the changes proposed under SB 228 will give the CCB additional tools to prevent that from happening, and thereby decrease instances of wage theft in the construction industry.

We appreciate the work that the CCB does for the construction industry and are happy to support this bill to help the agency run even more effectively.

Thank you for your consideration.

