



KEY VOTE

September 29, 2008

United States Congress
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) and its nearly 25,000 general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers and construction-related firms across the country, we are writing to voice our strong support for H.R. 3997 the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. Due to the grave consequences of this legislation not being enacted, **ABC considers final passage of H.R. 3997, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 a "KEY VOTE" for our 110th Congressional Scorecard.**

ABC applauds both chambers of Congress and the Administration for working together in a bipartisan manner to craft an economic plan to help stabilize our financial markets while protecting the American taxpayer. Although ABC strongly believes in the free-enterprise system, it is our belief that in order to ensure that this system is kept alive and healthy, immediate action is needed. We believe this piece of legislation contains all the needed elements to help alleviate the strain on our credit and banking systems and restore trust and security in America's financial markets, allowing our employees, their families, and Americans as a whole, to continue to prosper.

We trust that you and your colleagues in Congress and those in the Administration will work together to determine what led to our current financial crisis. We call on you to vote in support of H.R. 3997, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which we believe will keep America moving forward and keep the free enterprise-system, which has made America great, flourishing.

Respectfully submitted,

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