



The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Thanks to your leadership, New York is weathering the COVID-19 public health crisis. However, a new budget crisis looms, exacerbated by the loss of revenues due to the pandemic. State and municipal budgets have been decimated, and the financial outlook is bleak. Our infrastructure, once the envy of the world, is saddled with the twin crises of higher costs for sanitation and lower revenues from ridership and tolls. Our schools, many already in need of repair, must now shift their facility and maintenance dollars to manage the new reality of the pandemic.

Fortunately, there is an easy fix to a state law that would annually free up millions of dollars in state and municipal budgets, save hundreds of millions in infrastructure costs, and release an estimated two hundred million a year in education budgets across the state.

The fix is simple. Put New York's liability laws in line with every other state and every other country in the world. Fix Labor Law 240, also known as the Scaffold Law. Use the budget process to change the standard from the current, outdated absolute liability standard to a more equitable and modern comparative negligence standard.

There are oceans of data supporting this fix. There is no data supporting the current broken system.

You have expressed support for reform. We, the over 75 member organizations of the Scaffold Law Reform Coalition urge you to put those words into action. Put Scaffold Law reform into your 2021 Executive Budget. Now is the time. We cannot let special interests hold our state and municipal budgets hostage any longer. We stand behind you and urge you to finally fix this law and bring New York into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and help us recover and heal from this terrible pandemic.

Sincerely,

Allied Building Metal Industries  
American Council of Engineering Companies of New York  
American Property Casualty Insurance Association

American Rental Association  
Associated Builders and Contractors of New York State  
Associated General Contractors of New York State  
Association for a Better Long Island  
Big I NY  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
Builders Exchange of Rochester  
Builders Exchange of the Southern Tier  
Building Contractors Association  
Building Trades Employers Association of New York  
Business Council of New York State  
Business Council of Westchester  
Capital Region Chamber of Commerce  
Chamber Alliance of New York State  
Chemung County Chamber of Commerce  
Construction Exchange of Buffalo  
Construction Industry Council of Westchester & Hudson Valley  
Eastern Contractors Association  
Empire State Subcontractors Association  
Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce  
General Contractors Association of New York  
Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce  
Home Builders & Remodelers of Central New York  
Lawsuit Reform Alliance of New York  
Long Island Builders Institute  
Manufacturers Association of New York  
Minority & Women Contractors & Developers Association  
National Federation of Independent Business New York  
New York Conference of Mayors  
New York Farm Bureau  
New York State Association for Affordable Housing  
New York State Builders Association  
Northeastern Retail Lumber Association  
Northeastern Subcontractors Association  
Partnership for New York City  
Real Estate Board of New York  
Rochester Home Builders  
Rome Chamber of Commerce  
Special Riggers Association on New York City  
Subcontractors Trade Association  
Tompkins/Cortland Builders and Remodelers Association  
Trucking Association of New York  
Westchester County Association