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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, House of Representatives
United States Capitol
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader, House of Representatives
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
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KEY VOTE: Vote “YES” on Senate Amdt. to H.R. 133, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McConnell, McCarthy, and Schumer:

Thank you for reaching a broad, bipartisan compromise on legislation to provide relief to and some certainty for America’s construction industry as it endures the COVID-19 global pandemic. **AGC urges all members of Congress to vote “YES” on Senate Amendment to H.R. 133 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021) and will record their vote as a KEY VOTE for the education of its more than 27,000 member companies.**

As the product of a vigorously negotiated compromise, H.R. 133 hits the mark on many construction industry priorities and misses it on others. For instance, the bill provides funding certainty to federal and federal aid construction programs through September 30, 2021, makes critical improvements to the Paycheck Protection Program, and sends COVID-relief to construction markets, firms and workers.

On the other hand, AGC is disappointed that H.R. 133 passes on the opportunity to: establish a pathway to economic recovery through long-term public and private construction investment; make more sweeping improvements to career and technical education programming and funding levels; and address the viability of the multiemployer pension plan system by providing the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation the tools and funding to avoid insolvency and the authorization of composite plans.

That stated, construction contractors, like politicians, must make deals to achieve worthwhile successes. Not all of those deals are perfect. But, as businesspeople, construction contractors often do not allow the perfect to be enemy of the good. Like our members, we urge your colleagues to do the same and vote “YES” on H.R. 133.

Sincerely,

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