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The Honorable James Comer
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Accountability
U.S. House of Representatives
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RE: VOTE “YES” ON H.R. 3358 DURING JULY 12 MARKUP

Dear Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Raskin:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)—representing both union and open-shop contractors—urges you and your committee colleagues to support the *Mission not Emissions Act* (H.R. 3358) during the July 12 markup. H.R. 3358 would prevent the imminent enactment of the proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) federal regulation, *Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk* (87 Fed. Reg. 68312). This proposed GHG federal regulation would create novel and onerous GHG reporting requirements for virtually every construction contractor performing work for a federal agency.

As stated in our [comment letter](#) to regulators, AGC is concerned about the establishment of technically unfeasible measures to address climate change that construction firms of all sizes, especially small businesses, cannot meet. Such measures threaten construction firms’ ability to compete in the federal construction marketplace and build the infrastructure. Concerningly, the proposed GHG federal regulation will present a significant cost to small businesses in perpetuity. Regulators estimate the cost to small businesses to be \$103,054,261 in the initial year of implementation and \$62,514,193 in subsequent years (87 Fed. Reg. 68324).

The construction industry must be an integral part of the policymaking processes to help ensure that construction firms and the construction workforce can continue to grow and prosper. It is important to recognize that over the decades, construction contractors have improved their operational efficiency and environmental performance on projects through advancements in equipment, fuel, technology, and practices such as recycling and lean construction that reduce waste. AGC is concerned about onerous requirements that add regulatory and other roadblocks to improving the efficiency of our infrastructure.

Again, I urge you and your colleagues to vote “yes” on H.R. 3358 to prevent costly and impractical GHG reporting requirements for federal contractors.

Sincerely,

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CC: Members of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability