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General Contractors Association of Pennsylvania Testifies on Worker Misclassification & E-Verify

House Bills 716 & 1170 Discussed During the Public Hearing

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Labor & Industry Committee hosted a public hearing this week on construction industry worker misclassification and the requirement of E-Verify. The General Contractors Association of Pennsylvania (GCAP) gladly participated in this discussion.

House Labor & Industry Committee Chairmen Jim Cox and Patrick Harkins felt the need to host this committee hearing on House Bill 716 – Worker Misclassification Task Force (Prime Sponsor Rep Galloway) and Verification of Work Authorization (Prime Sponsor Rep Mackenzie). The hearing featured expert speakers which included people like: Jennifer Berrier from the Department of Labor & Industry; Thomas Breslin from the Keystone Mountain Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters; Michael Ford from the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #19; and Jon O'Brien from GCAP, to name a few.

“Because of the growing underground construction economy, construction companies that follow the rules are losing market share. Worker misclassification is hurting construction companies associated with GCAP,” said Jon O'Brien, GCAP Executive Director. “GCAP applauds House Bills 1170 and 716 which are two pieces of legislation that can stop the downward trend that construction is on – we must stop this race to the bottom.”

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These pieces of legislation, and the overall efforts to address the construction industry's illegal workforce, are garnering bipartisan support in Harrisburg. Additionally, this initiative is supported by union and nonunion companies – every company, person and organization who follow the rules on legal hiring practices is in favor of these pieces of legislation.

ABOUT GCAP: Established in 1953, GCAP is an organization representing the memberships of General Building Contractors Association, Keystone Contractors Association, and Master Builders' Association. Collectively, GCAP represents over 700-plus commercial construction companies based throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For more information visit <https://generalcontractorsofpa.com/>.

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