



## Empire State Chapter

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### ABC Launches Petition Campaign on Wicks Law Reform

Although no action was taken by the Senate on Wicks Reform legislation that contained detrimental PLA and apprenticeship requirement language, the battle is not over yet, and ABC has developed and begun implementation of a multi-point plan to keep the legislation from rearing its ugly head in the event that the Senate reconvenes in mid-July. Part of that campaign is engaging the merit shop construction workers who are employed by ABC member companies in the battle. We have developed a petition that we intend to present to the New York State Senate, signed by the thousands of construction workers that would be severely impacted if this legislation becomes law. We need you, as the employer, to educate and motivate your workforce to make their voice heard by signing this petition.

We have developed the attached payroll stuffer for you to use with your employees to educate them about this Wicks Law reform legislation and how it could impact them. The payroll stuffer also encourages your employees to visit the ABC website ([www.abcnys.org](http://www.abcnys.org)) and click on the Sign Our Petition Today link to add their voice to the call to keep this devastating legislation off the books! Please make every effort to distribute this payroll stuffer with your next payroll, and follow up with your employees to encourage them to get involved and take action. This effort will only be effective if the numbers are large enough to send a clear message. Please help us ensure that the numbers will send our message loud and clear.

If you have questions about this petition drive, please don't hesitate to contact your regional VP. Stay tuned for action alerts aimed at you as the business owner/management team as well. With everyone's involvement and encouragement, we can win this battle.

### July 1, 2007 Marks Changes in Prevailing Rates for Public Work Projects

Just a reminder that July 1, 2007 ushered in a new prevailing rate schedule for the coming year for all public works projects. The New York State Department of Labor posts the new rates effective July 1, 2007, and then posts updates/revisions to those rates on the first of each month thereafter. It is the contractor's responsibility to pay the correct wage as posted in the schedule at all times. It is also the contractor's responsibility to check the DOL website each month to see if any updates/revisions that are posted impact any wages currently or previously paid by the contractor.

To find the prevailing wage schedules on the New York State DOL website, click the link below.

<http://www.labor.state.ny.us/workerprotection/publicwork/PWContents.shtml>

As always, if you have any questions about prevailing wage issues, please feel free to call ABC.

### Two ABC members awarded AGC Safety Excellence Awards

Congratulations to Bette & Cring of Latham, NY and Structural Associates of East Syracuse, NY, who were recently awarded the AGC Safety Excellence Award. This award is based on safety statistics required by OSHA, and is "proof positive of the emphasis these contractors place providing a safe and healthful workplace", according to Jeff Zogg, Executive Director of GBC, the "building" arm of AGC.

ABC congratulates these contractors for their outstanding commitment to safety!!

### ROCHESTER TALK RADIO FEATURES ABC MEMBER FLOYD RAYBURN OF F.G. RAYBURN MASON CONTRACTORS

Floyd Rayburn of F.G. Rayburn Mason Contractors was recently featured on the "Ask the Expert" segment of Rochester Talk Radio, WHAM 1180. Floyd addressed the listening audience on issues ranging from Wicks Law reform to PLAs to apprenticeship to prevailing wage to the Employee Free Choice Act. He then entertained questions from the listening audience which ranged from "How can our elected officials possibly support the Employee Free Choice Act?" to "Why is FG Rayburn Mason Contractors getting so much heat from the unions?" Floyd did an excellent job educating the listening public on so many key ABC issues. He also encouraged the public to log on to a website that he has started, [www.stopwastingtaxpayerdollars.com](http://www.stopwastingtaxpayerdollars.com) and sign petitions banning PLAs and instituting campaign finance reform that would curtail the unions ability to influence our political system to the extent that they currently do. I encourage all ABC members to visit Floyd's website and sign onto his petitions to restore fairness and equity to our system of government.

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SAMPLE LETTER FROM EMPLOYERS TO EMPLOYEES  
RE: Wick's Law Reform S.6146-A

Dear Employees of <your company>

Legislative issues are not something this company frequently communicates to you on; however a bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature that I feel deserves your attention.

Some in the New York Legislature want to take away your ability to work on public projects through mandated Project Labor Agreements and apprenticeship training requirements. The state legislature wants to force municipalities and school district to hire union only construction workers and prevent you from working on projects YOUR taxpayer dollars fund.

This legislation robs you and your fellow non-union workers across the state of the opportunity to work on public projects because of union affiliation. If you want the opportunity to work on future public projects, please call or email your Senator(s) **TODAY** and tell them “**VOTE NO**” on the S.6146-A, Wick's Reform bill when the Senate goes back into session on **July 16**.

For more information on how to contact your elected officials, please visit [www.abcnys.org](http://www.abcnys.org) and click on the “ Sign Our Petition Today link” in the LATEST NEWS section (in the right margin).

Sincerely,

<NAME>

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