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**S. 5410
VETOED**

ABC Helps Secure Two More Gubernatorial VETOES

Senate Bill 5410, which would have expanded prevailing wage requirements to offsite wood and sheet metal custom fabrication work, was vetoed by the Governor just hours before the stroke of midnight on October 18th, the deadline for him to take action.

ABC initiated a huge grassroots letter writing campaign to convince the Governor to veto the bill, and we worked with several of the other contractor organizations in the state to secure that veto. **THANK YOU** to all of you who took the time and made the effort to fax a letter into the Governor. While we will never know exactly *how much* of an impact the letters had, we can be assured that they made a difference!

The passage of this bill would have been the tip of the iceberg in terms of expansion of NYS prevailing wage laws, **and it had to be stopped!!!**

WE DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!



In addition to the veto of S. 5410, the Governor also vetoed Senate Bill 4549, another piece of anti-merit shop legislation that would have required that workers on public works projects receive, in writing, notification of the prevailing wage rates at the beginning of, and every 8 weeks thereafter, the performance of a public works contract.

Senate Bill 4549 took worker notification to an unprecedented, and over burdensome level, and for those reasons we opposed this bill. We discussed our concerns with the Governor's office and were able to secure the Governor's veto.

ABC has made a difference in the outcome of more than 1/2 dozen anti-merit shop bills that have made their way to the Governor's desk since the Legislature adjourned in June. We've made a difference because ABC members have gotten involved in the process, and we've made our concerns known with one "loud" and organized voice. ***This is what we mean when we say,***

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