

July 10, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
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RE: Support Amendment 453, *Small Business Payment for Performance Act*, to FY 2024 NDAA

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the Construction Employers of America (CEA) and the 15,000 signatory contractors and 1.4 million employees we represent, we write today respectfully requesting your support for the inclusion of the Amendment 453, *Small Business Payment for Performance Act*, to H.R. 2726, *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024*, requiring timely partial payments for agency directed changes to a federal contract.

Amendment 453 to H.R. 2726 would require federal agencies to make interim partial payments to their construction prime contractors for unilateral changes in contract performance directed by the buying agencies. These reforms will help small business construction contractors and subcontractors shoulder the financial burden of unilateral agency changes to a contract.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and we appreciate your support for this important amendment for the construction industry.

Respectfully,
The Construction Employers of America
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