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Date

Name of Legislator

Address of Legislator

City, IL, Zip

Re: House Bill 3636/Amendment to overturn Cypress Creek decision

Dear State Representative/State Senator:

This letter represents the formal support of the Construction Industry's Board of Directors to pass an amendment to Section 16 of the Mechanics Lien Act, in order to restore the original intention of the Act prior to the Cypress Creek decision by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Both the CISCO Board of Director and CISCO's Legislative Committee are unanimously in favor of overturning the Cypress Creek decision, because they feel it will make it more difficult for contractors to be compensated causing further harm to the entire industry.

The Cypress Creek decision unfairly provides lenders with two opportunities to siphon off money from the proceeds of a foreclosure sale before any contractors, that improved the value of the property, may collect under the current Act.

The decision worsens the impact of an already dormant construction industry and will harm working men and women, contractors, subcontractors, union pension and benefit funds, and material suppliers. **House Bill 3636 must restore the Mechanics Lien Act to fulfill its original purpose** – to ensure that a contractor, whose labor and materials improve property, obtain fair compensation for his work if he is not paid in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SERVICE CORPORATION