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RE: Associated Builders and Contractors NH/VT ("ABC NH/VT") Support for NHHFA Funding

Dear House and Senate Budget Conferees and Alternates,

I write to you as President and CEO of ABC NH/VT to urge you to find common ground and support strong funding for the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority ("NHHFA").

As you may know, 2025 is the 40th Anniversary for ABC NH/VT. What was an organization chartered by a group of a dozen contractors has grown to nearly 300 construction companies and industry serving firms. Collectively, those firms employ several thousand Granite Staters who love nothing more than to "Build New Hampshire" – our commitment to help ensure our State's economy and way of life remains a shining example for other states to emulate.

As part of our "Build New Hampshire" commitment, we take the affordable housing crisis seriously. Through the hard work of our member construction and project management teams, we are proud to be a part of the solution to that crisis every day – by building.

The partnership our members enjoy with the NHHFA is a critical one. The NHHFA's funding of affordable housing projects and its engagement on this important topic are essential to building much needed housing and growing our economy.

We appreciate the difficult challenges you face in crafting a balanced budget while weighing the merits of important programs and appropriately stewarding taxpayer dollars. However, we urge you to adequately and strongly fund the NHHFA. Talk of reductions of up to 70% in NHHFA funding, if implemented, would have a devastating impact on our industry's efforts to Build New Hampshire, slowing down the construction of vital affordable housing and doing harm to the State's economy.

We have been encouraged at the bipartisan support for, and success of, various housing and development initiatives during the 2025 legislative session. Your leadership on this topic has been notable and greatly appreciated by ABC NH/VT and members of our industry. Together with Governor Ayotte, you are meeting the moment.

As you continue your negotiations, we urge you to finish what you have so strongly started, and ensure the NHHFA has the funding it needs to help us get the job done and ensure a supply of housing that ensures the continued growth of our economy, success for our businesses and communities and prosperity for our fellow citizens, friends, families and neighbors.

If needed, we would be happy to speak with any of you to answer questions or provide helpful examples.

Thank you for your hard work and service on behalf of our great State.

Very truly yours,

Josh Reap, President and CEO
Associated Builders and Contracts, NH/VT

CC: House Speaker Sherman Packard House Majority Leader Jason Osborne