



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Honorable Alexander Acosta
Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Acosta,

We want to highlight a rulemaking of great concern to our constituents. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Cranes and Derricks in Construction Rule (29 CFR 1926; Docket ID-OSHA-2007-0066) will become effective on November 10, 2018. This particularly pressing and burdensome regulation will negatively affect many industries and employers in our districts, including the sign industry.

As you know, the sign industry currently utilizes cranes to install and maintain signs for restaurants, retailers, hospitals, schools, and churches nationwide. The industry's use of mobile cranes for sign installation does not require the same level of training necessary for cranes used in general construction applications. In fact, the majority of cranes used in the sign industry may be classified as "light duty" equipment and this type of equipment is neither suitable nor practical for use in general construction work. Similar crane operations for tree removal, towing and wrecking have been excluded from the rule, and we believe the sign industry should receive an exemption as well.

While we support OSHA's efforts to ensure the health and safety of crane operators and other employees in construction, this regulation imposes requirements that are not economically feasible for many industries and small businesses located in our districts. Despite OSHA's assurances that the total annual cost of compliance will be nearly \$1.6 million, independent analysts have projected the costs to be significantly higher, amounting to an estimated \$30 million for the sign industry alone. These are costs that small manufactures and operators, like those in the sign industry, simply cannot afford and we remain alarmed by the associated costs of this rule.

Given the unique and specialized usage of mobile cranes in the sign industry and the adverse impact of this rule, we respectfully ask that you reconsider the implementation of this standard and issue a delay of its implementation or provide an exemption to the sign industry for the installation, maintenance, and removal of signs.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your response.

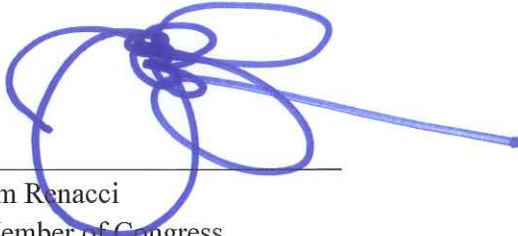
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cc: The Honorable Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health