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## Construction Industry Association Endorses Ed Gillespie for Governor

**Chesapeake, VA** – The [Associated Builders and Contractors – Virginia Chapter](#) today announced its endorsement of Ed Gillespie for Governor. The endorsement took place at an event in Chesapeake, and remarks were delivered by Todd Hammond, ABC-VA 2017 Chairman and Dan Hugeback, ABC-VA Immediate Past Chairman.

“ABC-VA stands for free enterprise and believes in fiscal responsibility and the need for workforce development. We believe Ed Gillespie is the candidate best equipped to support Virginia’s commercial and industrial construction industry and its thousands of employees and suppliers.” said 2017 ABC-VA Chapter Chairman Todd Hammond, Vice President of Capital Interior Contractors, Inc, Richmond, VA, an employee owned, Class A contractor. “Today, we enthusiastically endorse Ed Gillespie for Governor of Virginia. He has articulated a clear position on issues important to ABC members, including supporting investment in workforce development, defending Virginia’s right-to-work policy, and supporting the free-market, merit shop philosophy. Ed is a leader who will limit government intrusion and regulation to ensure that every individual and business has the opportunity to compete on a level playing field.”

The Association’s endorsement of Gillespie came during an event hosted by Dan Hugeback, President of Diamond Glazing, Inc, in Chesapeake, Virginia. Diamond Glazing is a Class A,

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SWAM certified commercial glass and glazing contractor. “As a proud member of ABC-VA it is an honor to host today’s announcement. Ed Gillespie has proven, through his record and policy announcements, that he stands for free enterprise, limited government, and lower taxes. As Governor he will work hard for all Virginians, building an even stronger business climate, which will help our communities grow and prosper.”

Speaking about the endorsement, Patrick Dean, President of the ABC Virginia Chapter said, "ABC-VA looks forward to working with a Gillespie Administration to protect and strengthen the values that will make Virginia the best state for business in the nation. Ed Gillespie acknowledges that our skilled worker shortage is of critical importance to the growth and prosperity of Virginia’s business climate.”

The Associated Builders and Contractors Virginia Chapter is a statewide, pro-business association representing construction and construction-related firms. ABC-VA has three regional offices throughout the state of Virginia: Dulles (Northern Virginia), Richmond (Central Virginia) and Hampton Roads (Southern Virginia). ABC-VA has the compelling distinction of being the only association that is based on a philosophy of free enterprise. ABC-VA is dedicated to representing the interests of merit-shop contractors. ABC-VA believes in open competition and work to protect Virginia’s status as a right-to-work state.

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About Associated Builders and Contractors: The Virginia Chapter of ABC represents the interests of nearly 1,000 contractors, specialty contractors, and suppliers throughout Virginia that support and believe in the principles of merit shop construction and open competition. Merit Shop is a way of doing business in which companies reward employees based on performance and encourage them to reach their highest level of achievement, and in which contracts are awarded based on safety, quality, and value, regardless of labor affiliation. An open marketplace creates efficient, cost-competitive projects, safe work sites, comparable wages and workforce training. For more information, visit our website at [www.abcva.org](http://www.abcva.org). Follow us on Twitter [@ABCVA](https://twitter.com/ABCVA), like us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/ABCVA> and LinkedIn, <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/876697>.