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The Honorable Roger Williams
Chair
House Committee on Small Business
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nydia Velázquez
Ranking Member
House Committee on Small Business
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Dear Chairman Williams, Ranking Member Velázquez and Members of the House Committee on Small Business:

I am writing to you to share my story of success from a tradesman to an executive perspective, and to express my strong support for strengthening Career and Technical Education (CTE) as a pathway to small business growth and workforce development.

I began my career in the construction industry as a skilled tradesman. I worked in the field as a carpenter and equipment operator, learning the craft from the ground up. Over time, through hands-on experience, mentorship, and continued growth, I advanced into leadership and today serve as a Partner and Vice President of Greenhut Construction Company, the oldest and largest commercial construction firm based in Pensacola, Florida.

I am a direct product of hands-on learning and mentorship in skilled trades. I grew up in a construction family, worked in the field, and spent years traveling the country managing complex projects before eventually returning home and growing into an executive leadership role. The construction industry provided not only a career, but a pathway to ownership, leadership, and long-term stability for me and my family.

That pathway must remain open to the next generation.

In Northwest Florida, I have worked closely with local school districts, workforce boards, and industry leaders to strengthen CTE programs that prepare students for high-demand careers in construction and infrastructure. We actively support programs that align high school curriculum with industry-recognized credentials, promote apprenticeship opportunities, and expose students to real-world job sites and mentors.

As the 2025 Chair of ABC of Florida, I saw firsthand how critical it is that state and federal policy supports flexible, industry-aligned training models. Construction is not a one-size-fits-all industry. Small businesses, like most contractors across this country, need workforce solutions that are nimble, competency-based, and connected directly to employer demand.

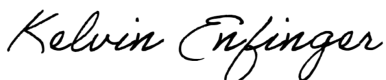
In our region, CTE programs are not an alternative to success, they are a direct pipeline to it. Many students who may not pursue a traditional four-year college degree can step into meaningful, well-paying careers immediately after graduation. With proper alignment, modern equipment, and strong industry partnerships, CTE becomes a launchpad for entrepreneurship and small business growth.

The construction industry must attract hundreds of thousands of new workers in the coming years. Small businesses will shoulder much of that responsibility. Expanding and modernizing CTE programs is one of the most practical and impactful steps Congress can take to ensure America's small construction firms have access to the skilled workforce necessary to build our infrastructure, strengthen our communities, and drive economic growth.

I am living proof that when we invest in our youth, support skilled trade education, and provide mentorship, we are not just filling jobs, we are creating leaders, owners, and community builders.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your commitment to strengthening America's small businesses.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelvin Enfinger".

Kelvin Enfinger
Vice President & Partner
Greenhut Construction Company, Inc.
2025 Chair, ABC of Florida