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The U.S. Senate is scheduled to vote Monday afternoon on whether to end debate and consider H.R. 674, a House-passed bill to repeal the 3 percent withholding law. [Write to your Senator today to urge them to vote for the bill.](#) Unless this law is repealed, starting January 1, 2013, all federal and state contracts for goods and services will be subject to a 3 percent income tax withholding on each and every payment over \$10,000 to a contractor. The requirement also applies to large local governments that make \$100 million or more in annual expenditures for goods and services. This mandate will impose compliance costs in excess of tax revenue raised. It will be bad for construction, bad for federal, state and local governments, and it must be repealed now.

On October 27, the House passed H.R. 674, by a vote of 405 to 16. While the Senate vote to end debate on similar legislation failed on October 20, it did gain bipartisan support. However, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) is now considering offering an amendment to H.R. 674 that would continue to apply 3 percent income tax withholding on contractors found to be delinquent in their taxes. AGC supports full, permanent repeal and is urging the Senate to take up and pass H.R. 674 without

amendment or modification. Reid's plan would still place an administrative burden on federal, state, and local governments and could apply withholding to innocent taxpaying contractors.

If the Senate votes on the House-passed bill as currently written, it would go President Obama – who supports repeal -- for his signature. That is why we are asking you to [continue contacting your Senators](#) to urge them to support passage of H.R. 674 without amendment or modification. If you have already contacted your Senators, please take another minute and forward this message to your employees, suppliers, and colleagues and ask them contact their Senators in support this important piece of legislation.

To date, more than 20,000 AGC members have heeded the calls to action. Member communications and [AGC press materials](#) on this critical topic have not gone unnoticed around the Capitol.

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