

NAHB Resolution

Title: Comprehensive OSHA Reform
Sponsor: Kansas Building Industry Association, Texas Association of Builders
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WHEREAS, the overall state of the U.S. economy continues to threaten the success of the nation’s home building industry;

WHEREAS, the growth of government regulations continues to undermine and erode the efforts of the nation’s home builders to develop communities and provide affordable housing choices for the nation’s home buyers;

WHEREAS, home builders understand the importance of jobsite safety and regularly take steps to ensure the safety of their jobsites and their employees; and

WHEREAS, the increased and intensive regulation and overly aggressive enforcement policies implemented by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) create challenges to the home building industry that are significantly adverse to the economic recovery of the industry,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) take immediate and continued steps to work with OSHA and members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate to cause OSHA to revise its procedures and/or pass legislation to fundamentally change the way OSHA approaches and implements its programs and enforces regulations, issues citations, and assesses fines and penalties and transform OSHA into an agency that works with the nation’s single family and multifamily builders to improve the safety of their operations. The fundamental transformation should start with, and be sustained by, the utilization of a “consultative approach” that promotes a mutually-beneficial relationship between OSHA and the nation’s single family and multifamily builders that will bring about significant improvements in the development, implementation and use of safety practices; remove the “fear factor” associated with working with OSHA; benefit employees and their employers for the near and long-term future; and follow NAHB’s current Occupational Safety and Health Program Reform policy.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Executive Board Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction Safety & Health Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Small Volume Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Production Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Custom Home Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
NAHB Remodelers Board of Trustees Action:	Recommends Approval
Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval