

# DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

Editorial  
boards across  
the state are  
calling for  
Scaffold Law  
Reform

“Unions are right that construction work can be terribly dangerous. They’re wrong that the Scaffold Law, as written, is critical to hardhat safety. ...de Blasio—for the sake of his own agenda—cannot afford to shrug this one off. If he wants to be Bill the Builder, **the Scaffold Law is one monstrosity he must tear down.**”

—The New York Daily News,  
“Tear Down This Law”

“Unless the injured worker can somehow be shown to be 100 percent at fault, the contractor or property owner is presumed by law to be liable and prohibited from contending otherwise. They are muzzled – denied the fundamental right to defend themselves. **It’s a shocking and intolerable deviation from any recognizable concept of justice.**”

—The Buffalo News,  
“Out of Date Legislation is Expensive  
Without Making Workers Any Safer”

“...this is about more than the soaring financial and social damage caused by the law. **This is about a fundamental flaw in our justice system. ...It’s both an economic necessity and a moral one.**”

—Crain’s New York,  
“New York’s Stupidest Law”

“This law is wrong on so many levels. On the moral level, it’s wrong to punish people for something not their fault. On the business level, it makes everything New York builds more expensive. **If you think that affects only big companies, think again.**”

—New York Post,  
“Going to the Scaffold”

“**The law is unnecessary, counterproductive, a drag on the economy, and needs to be scrapped or at least revised.**”

—Schenectady Daily Gazette,  
“Time to Dismantle ‘Scaffold Law’”

“Reform advocates argue the change would drive down lawsuits and insurance costs. **As a result, currently struggling school districts could invest more tax dollars in educating children and less in paying for expensive liability insurance. Give taxpayers their money’s worth.**”

—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle,  
“Change Scaffold Law and Reduce  
Taxpayer Costs”

“New York claims to be open for business. But **until the Scaffold Law is scrapped, the welcome mat won’t be out.**”

—Utica Observer-Dispatch,  
“State’s Outdated ‘Scaffold Law’ Needs  
to be Scrapped”

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