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Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts message: Scholarships and Gala

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ASM to issue Scholarships at our 25th Annual Golf Tournament

ASM's first large in-person event in almost a year and a half, our 25th Annual Golf Tournament, is coming up on July 29th and we are excited. This year nearly 300 golfers and guests will come together at the Pinehills in Plymouth, one of the finest courses in the state. We are thrilled that we get to see everyone again for a day filled with golf, prizes, food, and networking. A key part of the day will be the announcement of our annual scholarship winners. The ASM Scholarship Program is open to members and their families to help cover the cost of college and technical school. The challenge is always selecting a limited number of recipients from a pool of so many well-qualified students.

Biennial Gala & Elections

On October 13th ASM members will have the opportunity to reconnect at our Biennial Gala and Election Ceremony at the Granite Links Golf Course in Quincy. About 300 members and industry affiliates will get together to celebrate the industry where we will honor and recognize our members' service and commitment to the Association and have an opportunity to reflect back on this challenging past 18 months. We will also welcome ASM's new president and board of directors. Mark your calendar—we are always looking to expand our participation and sponsorship of this for this signature event. More information about our Golf Tournament and Gala can be found on our website.

Wage Theft Legislation Heard at Public Hearing

In June, the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development held a hearing on several bills addressing wage theft. These bills would impose new tools for the Attorney General's office and penalties on companies committing wage theft- in construction as well as other industries. ASM was there to offer comments at the hearing and also joined with a coalition to submit written testimony. ASM's statement read, in part, "we believe that companies who commit wage theft have no place in our industry, or frankly in any industry. We support strong enforcement of the laws in place to punish those employers who are cheating their workers on wages, but we have concerns with the joint and several liability provisions in the proposed bills, which we believe are unduly harsh and simply unfair on law-abiding businesses in the commonwealth and, if enacted, would punish the wrong people." We are happy that conversations about this issue are ongoing and various stakeholders are looking to work together to find consensus on how to address wage theft in Massachusetts.

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