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## **BC Construction Industry Says Budget 2025 Doesn't Do Enough for Economic Growth and Resilience**

**Victoria, BC (March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**—Today, Premier Eby's government presented its first Budget of the new Legislative session. While the British Columbia Construction Association (BCCA) commends the provincial government's commitment to enhancing BC's economic resilience in response to Donald Trump's tariffs, we remain concerned that support for the construction industry, a critical component of the BC economy, continues to be insufficient.

"The provincial government has made clear its commitment to defending our province and growing our economy—now, it's time to follow through," says Chris Atchison, President of BCCA. "The construction industry has identified straightforward strategies and solutions that will enhance resilience and drive productivity. We're ready and willing to work with the provincial government to get these done and build a stronger BC."

Eliminating barriers to interprovincial trade, implementing Prompt Payment legislation, and streamlining approval and contracting processes will all equip the construction industry with the tools needed to continue building BC's critical and community-enabling infrastructure efficiently, effectively, and with the certainty of payment they deserve. These would also offer immediate economic benefits by creating employment and demand for local materials while contributing to the long-term resilience and sustainability of BC's economy.

"The majority of our members are concerned that economic uncertainty will reduce demand for projects in BC," adds Atchison. "We urge the provincial government to take immediate action by passing policies and investing in initiatives designed to protect, preserve, and power one of our province's strongest industries and economic contributors."



BCCA is committed to continuing to work with the provincial government to support BC's construction industry. We welcome the opportunity for ongoing dialogue. By working together, we can protect our province and build BC.

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**About BCCA:** *The British Columbia Construction Association (BCCA) is a non-partisan and non-profit organization, working with four Regional Construction Associations (NRCA, SICA, VICA and VRCA) to serve more than 10,000 employers in the province's industrial, commercial, institutional, and residential multi-unit (ICIR) construction industry regardless of labour affiliation. BCCA advocates on behalf of all employers to ensure British Columbia's construction sector remains productive and resilient.*

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