

**ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
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**LIABILITY REFORM**

EBC calls on Congress to reform civil justice and construction laws by:

- including design professionals under the Workers' Compensation umbrella for construction-related injuries;
- eliminating joint and several liability for property damage;
- modifying statutes of repose so that the time for claims for design errors against engineers ends five or six years after substantial completion of a project;
- requiring a screening panel or an independent expert to review law suits against engineers in order to assess the merits of the case before it can be heard in court; and
- indemnifying engineers against liability for uninsurable services such as hazardous waste cleanup, asbestos removal, subsurface investigations, and bridge and dam safety inspections.