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We at the New Jersey Legislative Action Committee (NJ-LAC) hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a happy New Year! Before we turn our attention to the coming year, it is important to reflect on what happened in 2023. There were a number of impactful pieces of legislation passed that the LAC was involved in. However, our most significant work related to the structural integrity bill (S2760/A4384). Everyone is aware of the Surfside disaster, the parking garage collapses, the balcony collapses, and the recent structural collapse of an apartment building in the Bronx. Nothing is more vital to protect the health and safety of our constituents than this bill. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this the bill will be law. However, if it is not then we will continue our efforts.

While everyone on the LAC participated with the messaging and outreach on this bill, Ed San George, PCAM, Mitch Frumkin, PE, RS and J. David Ramsey, Esq. have spent countless hours with our lobbyist, Michele Jaker, working on the language in the bill, meeting with legislators, and attending numerous hearings in Trenton. Their

volunteer commitment is a thing to behold and they deserve our thanks.

It is heartening to see busy professionals invest so much time and effort into this labor of love (although it is also nice, and not at all arrogant, to be able to argue legislative intent

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by noting that you wrote the law and so you know darn well what was intended—your Honor).

While we hope with all fingers crossed that the structural integrity bill has passed, if it turns out that it does not make it across the finish line, we know that we gave everything we had to a worthy cause, and that 2023 was a good year.

There is no doubt that 2024 will be even better.

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