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”

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— Utica Observer-Dispatch, “State’s Outdated ‘Scaffold Law’ Needs to be Scrapped”