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It has been suggested by a representative of the small contractors that the way to regulate and standardise the behaviour of contractors is self-regulation. Does the CCA agree?

The experiences that the public had after Hurricane Ivan clearly demonstrated that self-regulation by contractors was not enough. The public was seriously taken advantage of by those builders who were either incompetent, dishonest or both. This can never be allowed to happen again. The Builders Law specifically would regulate that this did not happen.

Walling Whittaker is hoping for a meeting with The Leader of Government Business the first week of July and hopes, if he cannot get the Builder's Law repealed, he can delay implementation and make some broad changes.

The CCA is extremely disappointed that the previous government did not implement the Builders Law. We would hope that the new government would recognize that this law is for the protection of the public and is sorely needed.

It has been suggested that The Law would run a lot of small guys, mostly local, out of business because of "onerous" regulations and the "creation of an incredible bureaucracy".

The Builders Law mirrors the new Immigration requirements. In order to qualify at all, an applicant has to demonstrate that he is following Cayman's existing laws, such as pensions, health insurance, etc. This simply means that an employer can no longer continue to victimize his employees if he is already doing so. Beyond that, the applicant is free to present whatever supportive information he wishes to add to his application form. This is information that most contractors will have on file already and will help the contractor in obtaining the grade he is seeking. It represents the minimum necessary to protect the public.