

Summary of Advocacy Issues

The roofing industry is an essential \$100 billion sector with nearly 1 million employees. It is vital to constructing affordable housing and building, repairing and maintaining schools, hospitals and other critical infrastructure nationwide. We support the following key priorities and urge Congress to address these issues expeditiously.

The roofing industry encourages Congress to support solutions to workforce shortages by:

- Providing a \$70 million increase in funding for Perkins CTE State Grants, which are vital to closing the workforce skills gap.
- Supporting a Stronger Workforce for America Act, bipartisan legislation to reform and improve training programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to ensure more job creators and workers can benefit.
- Co-sponsoring the Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act to establish a visa system that meets the workforce demands of a 21st century economy.
- Supporting qualified individuals currently working under Temporary Protected Status or the DACA program to adjust to lawful permanent status so they can continue contributing to our industry and their communities.

The roofing industry encourages Congress to support pro-growth tax reform through:

- The Main Street Tax Certainty Act (H.R. 703/S. 213), which makes permanent the Section 199A deduction, an essential part of the tax code. Without it, Main Street businesses organized as pass-through entities would pay significantly higher taxes, putting them at a competitive disadvantage and accelerating economic consolidation taking place in our economy.
- The American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act permanently restores the ability for businesses to immediately deduct their research and development expenses, which currently must be amortized over five years for domestic companies.
- Maintaining the 179D commercial buildings energy efficiency tax deduction and 45L new energy-efficient home tax credit.