



Summary of Advocacy Issues

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

Support Solutions to Workforce Shortages

Systemic challenges in career and technical education and training and ongoing supply chain disruptions have resulted in too few skilled trades men and women who manufacture, distribute and install life-saving shelter to all Americans. The roofing industry encourages Congress to provide a robust increase in funding for Perkins Career and Technical Education State Grants. The industry also supports reform of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to ensure more job creators and workers can benefit. As Congress considers reauthorization of WIOA, lawmakers should provide additional funding and reforms to expand and improve WIOA programs.

The industry requests Congress adopt balanced immigration reform that addresses workforce needs. We support the Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act to establish a visa system that meets the demands of a 21st century economy. The roofing industry also supports allowing qualified individuals currently working under Temporary Protected Status or the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to adjust to lawful permanent status so they can continue contributing to their communities.

Support the Main Street Tax Certainty Act

The Main Street Tax Certainty Act makes permanent the Section 199A deduction, an essential part of the tax code. Without it, individually- and family-owned Main Street businesses organized as pass-throughs would pay significantly higher taxes, putting them at a competitive disadvantage and accelerating economic consolidation taking place in our economy. This provision allows roofing industry employers to invest back into their employees, businesses and communities.

Support \$348 million for the Department of Energy's Building Technologies Office

The Department of Energy's Building Technologies Office develops, demonstrates and accelerates the adoption of cost-effective technologies and techniques that enable high-performing, energy-efficient, and demand-flexible residential and commercial buildings. BTO works closely with the construction industry and others on research and development; validation of new building technologies and practices; market stimulation and the development of building codes and equipment standards needed to improve efficiency in our most important structures—homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses—to name a few.