## **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 and urge Congress to address these issues expeditiously.

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

- Providing a robust increase in funding for Perkins Career and Technical Education State Grants to help close the skills gap in the workforce.
- Supporting a Stronger Workforce for America Act (H.R. 6655), bipartisan legislation to reform 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 (H.R. 3734) to establish a visa system that meets the demands of a 21st century economy.
- Supporting 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 our communities.

## The roofing industry encourages members of Congress to co-sponsor the Main Street Tax Certainty Act (H.R. 4721/S. 1706)

• The Main Street Tax Certainty Act (H.R. 4721/S. 1706) 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-through entities would pay significantly higher taxes, putting them at a competitive disadvantage and accelerating economic consolidation taking place in our economy.

## The roofing industry requests cosponsorship of the American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act (H.R. 2673/S.866)

• The American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act (H.R. 2673/S. 866) permanently restores the ability for businesses to immediately deduct their research and development expenses in the year incurred rather than amortized over five years for domestic companies.