

Government Affairs – 2020 Highlights



ABC of Pennsylvania has made significant strides representing your interests and capturing the attention of elected officials in the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

- Organized 20 construction, design, and consulting groups that called on the Governor to recognize commercial and residential construction as a life-sustaining business.
- Issued press releases and action alerts calling on the Governor to allow construction work to continue, at the discretion of the employer, which ultimately re-opened the construction industry much earlier than anticipated.
- Created a Construction Safety Task Force, which developed a nationally recognized critical resource document on COVID-19 workplace and jobsite safety protocols.
- Participated in dozens of virtual Legislator townhalls, webinars, and other events.
- Increased ABC's engagement by growing the grassroots network by nearly 50 percent.
- Provided testimony in the House on the state's apprenticeship system and in the Senate on COVID-19 challenges, which featured ABC member testimonials.
- Worked with stakeholders to improve language to a bill that would prohibit indemnity clauses in construction contracts.
- Participated in nearly 50 conference calls with state lawmakers, engaging them directly on concerns about taxing the Marcellus Shale.
- Blocked the anti-merit shop "Protecting the Right to Organize" Act in the U.S. Congress.
- Partnered with state and national associations to voice support for COVID-19 civil liability protections and the Paycheck Protection Program.
- Participated in calls with national organizations that featured top leaders in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

POLITICAL ACTION:

- Endorsed and supported elected officials who are committed to defending free enterprise and the merit shop philosophy.
- Provided opportunities for ABC members to engage with state and federal candidates for office.

**Advocating for Free Enterprise
and the Merit Shop Philosophy.**