



## Legislative and Regulatory Agenda – 2021

*Developed by the board of directors, with the input from the five regional chapters, the 2021 legislative agenda outlines the association's legislative and policy priorities.*

### Participating in Industry Standard Legislative and Regulatory Processes

- Support legislation that clarifies practical issues relative to the employer-employee relationship in the “work sharing economy.”
- Oppose the Administration’s proposed rules to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) program, as it is a carbon tax that will negatively impact the construction industry.
- Support legislation that prohibits indemnification clauses in construction contracts.
- Oppose an extraction tax on the Marcellus Shale.
- Support an infrastructure bill that ensures an efficient and interconnected transportation system and ensures worker safety in construction zones.
- Support legislation providing limited and reasonable COVID-19 civil liability protections.
- Oppose legislation related to the recreational use of cannabis that does not include provisions that would allow an employer to assure an impairment free workplace.

### Investing in Workforce Development

- Support legislation that will end discriminatory practices against the merit shop per the mandated apprentice-to-journeyperson ratios.
- Oppose local, state, or federal legislation that establishes “Responsible Contracting Ordinances” that shutout open competition in the bidding process.
- Support reforms to the criminal justice system to incentivize employers and break down barriers to gainful employment in construction.
- Support efforts to expand workforce development in the skilled trades.
- Support education policies and initiatives that promote career readiness.

### Advancing the Merit Shop Philosophy

- Oppose discriminatory project labor agreements that deny construction jobs to local workers.
- Support legislation that would make Pennsylvania a right-to-work state.
- Oppose legislation that directly targets the construction industry.
- Oppose the anti-merit shop “Protecting the Right to Organize” Act in the U.S. Congress.
- Monitor state and federal appointments to boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies.
- Monitor state and federal regulations and rules impacting labor.

*Advocating for free enterprise and the merit shop philosophy.*