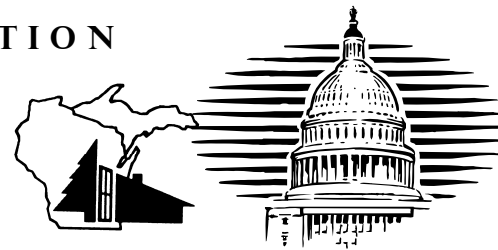


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NLBMDA Releases 2010 National Agenda *Source: NLBMDA E-Update 1-19-2010*

Last week the National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) released its 2010 National Policy Agenda (NPA), outlining key policies critical to restoring our nation's housing sector and its supply chain. As retailers of building materials, NLBMDA's member companies have sustained significant sales declines and job losses across the country over the past several years.

"NLBMDA looks forward to working with policymakers early in 2010 to develop new incentives for home improvements and retrofits that will restore jobs across the building supply chain," stated Dan Fesler, NLBMDA Chairman and CEO of Lamperts Inc. Our dealers deliver environmentally –friendly building products, including certified wood, to supply the growing green building movement. "incentives to increase the use of energy-efficient and environmentally-preferable products will provide a powerful stimulus for the housing sector and the overall economy," added Fesler.

NLBMDA will continue to advance pro– business policies that will strengthen small businesses and protect the many multi-generational family-owned businesses in the industry. The association's agenda includes statements on housing, legal reform, workforce policy, tax policy, product supply, transportation and energy.

The complete NPA can be downloaded from the NLBMDA website at www.dealer.org.

NLBMDA Weighs in on HOME STAR Proposals *Source: NLBMDA E-Update 1-19-2010*

As work continues behind-the-scenes to craft a HOME STAR program to provide incentives for energy-efficient home improvements, NLBMDA lobbyists have met with Hill and Administration staff to relay our concerns about

some of the provisions in early drafts. NLBMDA is advocating for a simple and easily administered rebate program that would enable all small and independent building material dealers to participate, not just big box retailers. The HOME STAR program, and a correlating BuildingStar program for commercial buildings, may be considered as part of the "jobs" package the senate will take up in the early part of the year.

NLBMDA Protests Small Business Health Care Provision

Source: NLBMDA E-Update 1-19-2010

NLBMDA is featured in ProSales magazine (week of Jan. 18th) regarding its opposition to the Merkely amendment which excludes the construction industry from the overall small business exception to the mandate that employers provide a minimum standard of health insurance to their employees. The feature also mentions the NLBMDA 2010 Policy Agenda. To view this article go to: <http://www.prosalesmagazine.com/industry-news.asp?referer=rss420§ionID=420&articleID=1171120>

WMC Board Approves Wisconsin Jobs 2010 Campaign

Source: WMC Capitol Watch, 1-25-2010

The Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) Board approved the Wisconsin Jobs 2010 campaign to promote top priorities for job creation that would renew Wisconsin's economy and make our state the most competitive in the nation. The Wisconsin Jobs 2010 Agenda contains common sense reforms to help Wisconsin get back to basics: control government spending, repeal \$3 billion in taxes passed in the most recent session, streamline permitting, repeal excessive regulations, and control frivolous lawsuits. The plan adopts policies that have built successful business climates in other states. For a copy of the campaign visit: <http://www.wmc.org/governmentaffairs/display.cfm?ID=2222>

If you have a regulatory issues you would like to see addressed, please contact the WRLA Office. The WRLA works with the National Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Association (NLBMDA) on national issues and with the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) to lobby on state of Wisconsin regulatory issues. You can reach the WRLA via phone at 800-236-3534 or via email at wrla@wrlamsi.com.