

ADVOCACY DAY 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, April 29: Arrival*

Issue Briefing Time: 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Hamilton Hotel Ballroom

Cocktail Hour & Welcome Dinner Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Location: The Park at 14th

Tuesday, April 30: Day on the Hill

Breakfast Time: 7:00AM Location: Hamilton Hotel Resturant Via Sofia

Congressional Meetings Time: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Location: Capitol Hill

Group meet-up & casual debrief Time: 5:00 PM Location: TBD

Free night to dine and explore the city.

ABMA Staff will provide a list of suggestions. If there is anything specific you want to explore and would like information on, please contact Nicolina at nschonfarber@abmalliance.org or call 1-880-6378

Wednesday, May 1: Departure

*Note: Due to issues with flight scheduling, the Hamilton hotel has agreed to offer ABMA members to extend their stay to Sunday, April 28th, a discounted rate of \$189.









The American Building Materials Alliance (ABMA) is actively championing crucial legislative priorities in 2024 to support the lumber and building materials (LBM) industry and address key challenges. Below is a comprehensive overview of AB-MA's priority legislation.

1. H.R. 7024: Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act

SUPPORT

ABMA's top legislative goal, H.R. 7024, secured overwhelming support in the House, retroactively extending vital tax benefits for businesses. The bill focuses on pro-growth, pro-jobs tax incentives, with provisions key to the LBM industry.

2. <u>S1838</u>: The Credit Card Competition Act

SUPPORT

The Credit Card Competition Act of 2023 aims to promote fairness, transparency, and competition in credit card transactions, which will benefit businesses across various industries, including LBM. The act's provisions regarding competition in credit card transactions will have several positive implications for ABMA members.

3. Supply Chain Legislation Package

SUPPORT

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee recently approved a <u>comprehensive legislative package</u> targeting the strengthening of the U.S. supply chain by addressing vulnerabilities in key areas. Included in these provisions are two bills specific to the nation-wide truck driver shortage, both of which were identified as priority legislation by ABMA in 2023: The LICENSE Act (<u>H.R. 3013</u>) and The SHIP IT Act (<u>H.R. 471</u>).

4. H.R. 6655: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Reauthorization

SUPPORT

ABMA recognizes the urgent need for workforce development and endorses H.R. 6655, a comprehensive WIOA reauthori-zation. The bill allocates 50% of funding to up-skill the American workforce, prioritizes employer-led initiatives, and ensures displaced workers access to skill development programs. Despite the challenges of an election year, ABMA remains hope-ful for the bill's passage, underscoring the industry's commitment to fostering a skilled and qualified workforce.

How You Can Help:

Take Action: Help support these priorities through engagement with federal legislators and participating in ABMA's 2024 Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C.

Stay Informed: Explore ABMA's advocacy initiatives on <u>our website</u> and stay informed by subscribing to our <u>weekly e-newsletter</u>, <u>The Advocate</u>, offering essential updates, and weekly reports from our lobbyist in D.C, Pat Rita.



