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THE INDUSTRY'S VOICE IN WASHINGTON



Advancing the federal legislative and regulatory interests of the lumber and building materials industry since 1917.

The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) is the recognized voice and resource of the Lumber and Building Material (LBM) industry to federal legislators and regulatory agencies in Washington. From the 65th Congress to the 119th Congress, NLBMDA has advocated for the industry since 1917 in both legislative and regulatory affairs.





"As a lumber dealer/business owner, I know the importance of having the voice of our industry heard as well as being kept up to speed on legislative and regulatory changes. I will forever be grateful to NLBMDA for all they have done and do each and every day for our industry." **Bob** Sanford, President – Sanford & Hawley



"Without a doubt, NLBMDA is the trusted and known voice of independent lumber dealers. The relevance we have earned with federal agencies and lawmakers cannot be matched." Cally Fromme, VP Communication and Culture (Retired) – Kodiak Building Partners



"Every dealer, supplier and manufacturer that is looking to the future should support NLBMDA as that it is the best investment, and crucial, to ensure that public policy and regulations are fueling economic prosperity and not creating barriers for our businesses." **Meagan Jones, President & COO McCoy's Building Supply**



"I truly believe we have the best representation for our industry on Capitol Hill and in the executive administration through the efforts of the NLBMDA's advocacy. The benefits to my company have been numerous and far outsize the reasonable investment we are asked to make as a member of our industry's only recognized voice in Washington DC." **Rick Lierz, Chairman, Franklin Building Supply**





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PRIORITY ISSUES

ADDRESSING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

As suppliers to the building and construction industry, lumber and building material dealers play a critical role in promoting home ownership and advancing affordable housing. In the 119th Congress NLBMDA champions advocacy for two bipartisan housing affordability bills:

- Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2025 (AHCIA, H.R.2725)
- Neighborhood Homes Investment Act (H.R. 2854)

PROMOTING SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

NLBMDA supports a federal tax code that sustains the competitiveness of America's small business. This Congress, NLBMDA is championing advocacy for the following bills:

- The Main Street Tax Certainty Act (H.R. 703/ S. 213)
- The Death Tax Repeal Act of 2025 (H.R.1301 / S. 587)
- The ALIGN Act (H.R. 574/ S.187)

ADVANCING A DEREGULATORY AGENDA

NLBMDA works on behalf of its members to advocate for the removal of excessive, duplicative, and burdensome federal regulations that inhibit small business growth. NLBMDA routinely submits formal comments and testimony to the Department of Labor, Commerce Department, Federal Trade Commission and other relevant agencies to voice the perspective of the industry.

FIGHTING FOR LBM RETAILERS

NLBMDA is one of Washington's strongest advocates for the passage of the Credit Card Competition Act, bipartisan legislation that would rein in excessive credit card swipe fees.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

NLBMDA works with lawmakers to advance workforce development programs which are increasingly needed to expand the trades sector and advance opportunities in the LBM industry.

FORESTRY LEGISLATION

Lumber makes up the largest single product category supplied by building material dealers, and NLBMDA has long had an interest in supporting a stable supply of domestic and foreign wood products. NLBMDA supports responsible forest management policies that promote the environmental sustainability of wood as a resource and maintain the health and viability of our nation's federal forests.