

IBS PAC Report
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We are over ½ way thru our 2 year election cycle and we have not yet reached 50% of our state goal for Build Pac. This is the first time in a number of years that that has happened, it is discouraging to me and I feel that it is again time to remind you of what your donations to PAC do for you.

It is so easy to give credit to other sources when we hear about something that is good for our industry. In reality most of the time it is Build Pac that is responsible for opening the doors and gaining access to the people that make good things for us.

It was Build Pac that made the contacts to get our 1st time homebuyers tax credit extended and in addition got the \$6000.00 credit for any home buyer. If this didn't affect you as a builder, it did indirectly as a supplier or subcontractor or any affiliate involved in the sale or financing of that home.

We constantly battle the government over environmental issues. EPA with their storm water requirements, lead paint issues, energy requirements in existing homes and in new homes. Now we have the battle over fire sprinklers being mandated.

We also played a big part in defeating the current health care bill that was being pushed on us. The unions attached an amendment (Merkley amendment) that would have unfairly punished the construction industry. Had that passed any business involved in the homebuilding industry would have been required to furnish health insurance if you had 5 or more employees, any other business would not reach that requirement until they had 50 employees. This would have been devastating to us and could have potentially put many of us out of business.

All of these issues that if it were not for Build Pac's efforts would be taking more and more money out of your pockets. Have we won all our battles, no but we haven't lost the war either. We have become a recognized force in Washington and we need your donations to continue our fight. We are not asking for thousands of dollars from you, but we are asking for your support. We will take any help you can give. Look at it as an investment in your future as it relates to your ability to make a fair profit. Help us help you, please support the industry that supports you.

I am going to say thank you in advance for your help and if anyone has any questions please feel free to call. If I don't have the answer I'll get it for you.

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