

2011 ACCA-PHCC Ohio Legislative Day

On May 24, more than 25 ACCA and PHCC members descended on Columbus to meet with state lawmakers to discuss residential licensing, the PUCO, privatization of workers comp and natural gas rates. Members met with over 48 legislators in the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate.

Legislative Day is a one-day event with an issues briefing to kick-off the event, meetings and evening reception, that was attended by more than 50 state Reps and Senators, at the Statehouse Crypt.

"This was my second trip to Columbus and again I was very pleased with the pre-meeting info and the meetings we were scheduled to attend. It's good to know that we can make a difference by giving a small portion of our time and even better to know what we are saying is being heard."

-John Walter, Brandon Heating and Air Conditioning

The Meetings...

Sen. Jim Hughes	Rep. John Patrick Carney
Sen. Tom Sawyer	Rep. Todd McKenney
Sen. Tim Grendell	Rep. Richard Hollington
Sen. Jason Wilson	Rep. Craig Newbold
Sen. Tom Patton	Rep. Marlene Anielski
Sen. Frank LaRose	Rep. Lynn Slaby
Sen. Thomas Niehaus	Rep. Mike Dovilla
Sen. Joe Schiavoni	Rep. Kathleen Clyde
Sen. Chris Widner	Rep. Danny Bulp
Sen. Shannon Jones	Rep. Mark Okey
Sen. Kris Jordan	Rep. Jerrod Martin
Sen. Peggy Lehner	Rep. Peter Strautberg
Sen. Kevin Bacon	Rep. Andrew Brenner
Sen. Chris Widner	Rep. Margaret Ruhl
	Rep. Timothy Derickson
	Rep. Michael Henne
	Rep. Mike Duffey
	Rep. Jim Butler
	Rep. Bob D. Hackett



The Photos...

Photographs from Legislative Day are online. See your friends (or yourself) at www.accoho.org

The Issues... position papers can be found at www.accaohio.org

PUCO- Lawmakers have a responsibility to the people and small businesses of Ohio to ensure that the PUCO is not hindering job creation or economic development

RESIDENTIAL LICENSING- The Specialty Contractors Coalition endorses Residential Licensing for the trades now licensed under the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (plumbing, hydronics, HVACR, electrical) and legislation (SB 289) was introduced in 2010 to support it. We believe statewide contractor licensing for the trades must be passed prior to any other licensing legislation.

PRIVATIZATION OF WORKERS COMP- Like every other state, Ohio continues to struggle through our nation's economic recession. Our state's leaders are looking for ways to raise revenues without raising taxes. One of the ideas being studied is a proposal to open Ohio's workers' compensation system to private insurers.

NATURAL GAS RATES- On Feb. 10, 2011, the House of Representatives introduced legislation that could potentially raise customer rates by allowing natural gas utilities to increase distribution rates without being subjected to a thorough public review by state regulators.