

MCAA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Working to advance your industry's best interests in the legislative process

Dear Fellow Mechanical Contractors:

The Mechanical Contractors Association of America's political action committee has established a strong track record since its inception in 1999. Your Government Affairs Committee's plan is to continue to build on that tradition. MCAA's member leadership and Board of Directors have supported their PAC and recognize that effective public policy representation and political activity go hand in hand.



I am asking in this letter for your approval as your company's MCAA representative to solicit contributions from you and executives you list from your company. I cannot ask you for contributions until I gain your prior approval. This letter is not a solicitation; it is a request for approval to solicit.

PAC activity is an essential element of our association's government affairs program. It is crucial that the MCAA-PAC have sufficient funds to keep our industry's vital interests well represented in the public policy process in Washington.

MCAA-PAC is an essential back-up for MCAA's government affairs program by backing candidates who are open to MCAA's views on improving construction markets, improving cooperative labor/management relations, and other association issues—improving public contracting practices, increasing infrastructure funding, Davis-Bacon reform, fair utility competition, fair employment classification criteria, reducing estate taxes, improving employee safety and health, immigration reform and pension and healthcare reform—and a host of other issues crucial to our businesses, employees, and our industry. Building a top flight government affairs/legislative action program is a long term process.

Please complete the attached prior authorization form and mail it back to the MCAA-PAC office. By returning the solicitation form, you as your company's MCAA representative are agreeing only to receive individual PAC contribution solicitations and PAC information under Federal Election Commission regulations. The prior authorization form does not commit you to contributing to MCAA-PAC.

I'm asking you to participate in helping MCAA members advance our industry's interests through MCAA-PAC. If you want to know more about MCAA-PAC, please call the MCAA Government Affairs Department at 800-556-3653.

Sincerely,

*Bill Albanese, Sr.
Chairman, MCAA Government Affairs Committee and MCAA-PAC*

MCAA-PAC—ITS MISSION

The mission of your association's PAC is simply to gain MCAA members and their industry fair and adequate consideration in federal public policy decisions. Our strategy to achieve this is to continue to combine sound and vigorous public policy representation and advocacy with increasingly active and judicious use of political activity.

MCAA-PAC—IDENTIFYING AND AIDING KEY CANDIDATES

MCAA's Government Affairs Committee members track key issues in the federal public policymaking process, and the elected legislators and candidates who support and give their consideration to the many issues that are of vital interest to MCAA member companies and their industry. MCAA's Government Affairs Committee, as a part of its oversight responsibility for the MCAA-PAC, judges which candidates to support based on local affiliate recommendations. MCAA-PAC is bipartisan.

MCAA-PAC—IMPORTANT OPERATING POINTS

- MCAA pays for MCAA-PAC's operating and solicitation costs. This allows all MCAA-PAC contributions to go to candidates' campaigns (with the exception of taxes that must be paid with MCAA-PAC funds).
- Your association's PAC achieved "multicandidate" status in 2000. The criteria are: receipt of PAC contributions from more than 50 contributors, contributions to five or more federal candidates, and PAC registration with the FEC for longer than six months. The consequences of becoming a multicandidate PAC are that the MCAA-PAC can now contribute more to candidates—up to \$5,000 per election (primaries, runoffs, and general elections are considered separate elections).
- MCAA-PAC only solicits restricted class members—the principals of MCAA member firms. MCAA-PAC does not solicit from corporate members' administrative personnel, stockholders, or their families.

MULTIPLE YEAR AUTHORIZATION FOR MCAA-PAC SOLICITATION

Yes! I support the efforts of MCAA-PAC. I hereby grant permission to MCAA-PAC to solicit voluntary contributions from me and these other executives of our company. My company has not approved a solicitation by any other trade association during the calendar years indicated below. Signing this form does not obligate me to contribute to MCAA-PAC.

Please provide an original signature for the current year and immediate successive years for which you may be solicited

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Date _____

Name _____

Title _____

Company _____

Address _____

Member of MCAA Local Affiliate(s)

Other company executives we may solicit:

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

A copy of MCAA-PAC's statement of organization is on file with the Federal Election Commission (FEC # C00343590).

Contributions must come from personal accounts and are not tax deductible. MCAA-PAC is a multicandidate PAC, subject to and in compliance with FEC laws and regulations.

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MCAA-PAC—HOW THE CONTRIBUTION PROCESS WORKS

MCAA-PAC is registered with the Federal Election Commission (FEC), the agency that administers the campaign finance laws. MCAA-PAC must strictly adhere to the federal law. In summary, the contribution process works as follows:

- Prospective contributors sign solicitation authorization forms that allow MCAA-PAC to send solicitation material.
- Once MCAA-PAC receives the signed solicitation authorization form, it will send solicitation material to prospective contributors.
- Contributors send personal contributions to MCAA-PAC. You may give as much (up to the maximum limit of \$5,000 per year) or as little as you like; the choice is yours. Remember, contributing is strictly voluntary. You can also choose to contribute at any time.
- When contributing, keep three things in mind:
 - Currently, the maximum an individual may contribute in one year is \$5,000.
 - MCAA-PAC contributions are not tax deductible.
 - Contributions must be made with personal—not corporate—funds. Contributions cannot be made with a corporate check or corporate credit card.

MCAA-PAC—CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

MCAA members will be recognized for their contributions. There are four levels of contribution recognition:

SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUB— <i>For contributions of \$500 or more per year.</i>
GOLD CLUB— <i>For contributions of between \$250 and \$499 per year.</i>
SILVER CLUB— <i>For contributions of between \$101 and \$249 per year.</i>
BRONZE CLUB— <i>For contributions of up to \$100 per year.</i>

Contributors will receive an MCAA-PAC pin that shows their level of support.

MCAA-PAC—MAKING THE CONTRIBUTION

The next step is up to you. To receive MCAA-PAC solicitation material, you as your company's MCAA representative must return the solicitation authorization form. A copy of the solicitation authorization form is attached to this brochure. Fill it out and mail it back; no postage is necessary. After you've done that, MCAA-PAC can receive your personal contributions (with checks made payable to MCAA-PAC) at:

*MCAA-PAC
1385 Piccard Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850*

A copy the MCAA-PAC statement of organization and periodic reports are filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and are available from the FEC, in Washington, D.C. or online at www.fec.gov.



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**POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
(MCAA-PAC)**

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