



# PROTECT HOMEOWNERSHIP

## Support BIA-PAC



### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Michigan faces some unique political dynamics such as term limits which will bring a steady stream of new lawmakers to Lansing with each election. Many of these will come from districts representing St. Clair, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties! Without a doubt, establishing a positive legislative climate for building homes and developing communities to house the families in our area is at a critical juncture.

BIA is working proactively to make sure our members are well-represented at the local, state and national levels. Our advocacy efforts are absolutely crucial to members in these particularly difficult economic times and that is why I am asking for your help now.

### **We need your personal contributions to the BIA Political Action Committee (BIA-PAC).**

Below are just a few of the legislative and code initiatives currently underway through BIA, MAHB, and NAHB:

- Deferment of Assessments in Michigan – Eliminate the collection of all property taxes builders pay on new, never occupied inventory homes until such time as the home is occupied.
- Tax Tribunal Speed - Amend the Tax Tribunal Act to increase the interest rate on refunds. The current 1% rate (vs. up to 18% on delinquencies) discourages governmental units from quickly resolving cases and can incentivize excessive valuations.
- Appraisal Standards – NAHB is working on a federal level with industry partners and governmental agencies to fix the problems facing builders in the appraisal process.
- Single State Code – Protect Michigan's uniform construction code from legislative efforts to circumvent the code by allowing local governments the opportunity to adopt green codes.
- Sprinklers – Keep proposals for mandatory sprinklers in single family homes out of the Michigan Residential Code.

BIA-PAC contributions can be made only by individuals, partnerships or limited liability partnerships. Because of these restrictions it is important that - in addition to your own contribution - you encourage your employees and your associates to support BIA-PAC, as well. Now is the time for action on our part so we have ample financial resources to fund the political action that will shape the future of our individual businesses and our industry.

**CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY!**