



April 3, 2008

To: All MCA, SCA, and Allied Members

Re: New Political Action Committee (PAC) Fund

Dear Member,

We are writing to you today on behalf of our Associations; the Mechanical Contractors Association of Eastern Pennsylvania (MCA) and the Servicing Contractors Association of Greater Delaware Valley (SCA). As many of you know, these organizations have been very active on different fronts for past few years, including many activities that have taken place in Harrisburg with present legislation.

In 2003 the State allowed the Department of Education to grant waivers to certain School Districts in the State to eliminate the Separations Act on their projects. This would allow the Districts to accept single prime bids for any given project. The MCA was told that a few School Districts in the State could not find bidders for all the separate trades. The problem that developed was the Department of Education granted waivers to almost all applicants that filled the paperwork out properly. The MCA reacted by taking legal action and challenging the Mandate Waivers. The MCA was successful and the Separations Act was reinstated except for some projects in the School District of Philadelphia that already had the plans and spec's completed for bidding. The State felt that there would be significant cost involved with revamping the bidding documents to comply with the Separations Act.

Soon after the overturn of the Mandate Waivers, the School District of Philadelphia along with other organizations set out to reverse our victory. In 2007 they were successful and we again must fight to maintain the Separations Act.

The MCA and SCA have worked with different organizations in the past on many political and social events. Today we are presented with many issues that we must stand alone on to promote our industry or save what has been our work for decades. To do this properly we feel that the time has come for the MCA and SCA to form our own PAC Committee. We need to get more involved with our political representatives on a state and local level. We need to become more involved with our lobbyist in Harrisburg. We can no longer sit back and expect someone else to do this work for us. There is a bill that may be presented that will put the Separations Act back into the State projects. This is being pushed by both non-union and union groups. There are bills that deal with lien laws, prevailing rate, and retention issues. These issues are critical to everyone in both of our organizations.

For the reasons above I am asking for each member to become part of our MCA and SCA PAC Fund. Our lobbyist will set up our PAC Fund at no cost to our organization. With our new PAC Fund we will be in a position to work with all factions of our industry to promote our issues and



let the politicians know who we are. We will plan events, both on our own and with our Local Union counterparts, where we can invite political leaders and discuss our issues. We will work with state and local politicians.

In order to move forward we need funding. I am asking for donations to the MCA/SCA PAC Fund. Checks can be forwarded to Tim Brink at the MCA and SCA office. The checks should be made out to "MCA/SCA PAC Fund". Due to State of Pennsylvania law, the checks must be personal checks and not a company or corporate check. In the future we may look at various fundraising options to keep the PAC supported.

The PAC Fund will be another way for the MCA and SCA to work for you. We need to protect our organization and our work. In order to express our commitment to this movement, I have been joined by the other officers of the MCA in making the first donations at a level of \$500 each. I would urge all member companies to contribute at this level or at a level that is comfortable.

Thank you for joining the MCA and SCA in this very worthwhile cause.

Regards,
James P. Gaffney
MCA/SCA PAC Fund Chair