



Illinois Chapter

MERIT UPDATE

APRIL 27, 2009

ABC MEMBERS VOICE OPPOSITION TO EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

ON APRIL 21ST, ABC SENT A LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, SIGNED BY MORE THAN 3,000 ABC MEMBER COMPANIES AND CONSTRUCTION-RELATED FIRMS IN 48 STATES THAT OPPOSE THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT (H.R.1409 AND S.560), OR "CARD CHECK" BILL. THE SIGNATURES WERE GATHERED DURING A TWO-WEEK PERIOD IN APRIL. THE LETTER STATES THAT "...THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE ON THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION. OUR FIRMS STAND TOGETHER IN STATING THAT THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO MAKE THIS LEGISLATION MORE PALATABLE AND THAT CONGRESS SHOULD VOTE DOWN THIS BILL IN ALL FORMS."

"FOR ABC'S MEMBERS, THIS BILL IS A NON-STARTER BECAUSE IT WOULD ROB WORKERS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN RIGHT TO A SECRET-BALLOT ELECTION AND FORCE BOTH WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS INTO A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IMPOSED, TWO-YEAR BINDING CONTRACT WITH TERMS THEY MAY NOT AGREE WITH," SAID 2009 ABC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN JERRY GORSKI, PRESIDENT OF GORSKI ENGINEERING, INC., COLLEGEVILLE, PA. "ABC IS COMMITTED TO FIGHTING THIS DECEPTIVELY TITLED BILL WITH ALL ITS RESOURCES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE NATION'S MERIT SHOP CONSTRUCTION WORKERS."

ABC'S LETTER TO CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS A RECENT, NONPARTISAN STUDY THAT CONCLUDES IF THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT WERE SIGNED INTO LAW IT WOULD COST THE U.S. ECONOMY 600,000 LOST JOBS IN THE YEAR 2010. OVER THE PAST YEAR, MORE THAN 26,000 JOBS HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AND OVER 1.3 MILLION JOBS LOST SINCE JANUARY 2007.

"ALL WORKERS, IN EVERY INDUSTRY, DESERVE THE FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN RIGHT TO A FEDERALLY SUPERVISED SECRET-BALLOT ELECTION AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON A CONTRACT OF THEIR CHOICE," ADDED GORSKI. "WITHOUT THE FREEDOM TO DO BOTH, DEMOCRACY IN THE WORKPLACE WILL BE NOTHING MORE THAN A FOOTNOTE IN HISTORY."

TO VIEW THE PETITION IN PDF FORMAT, CLICK [HERE](#).

SOURCE: [ABC NEWSLINE](#)

SPECIAL THANKS TO BILL SPIES OF AXA ADVISORS!

BILL WAS THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE 50/50 RAFFLE AT THE APRIL NETWORKING EVENT!
HE GENEROUSLY GAVE HIS WINNINGS BACK TO BE USED FOR 2009 GRADUATION!

THANK YOU!

LOBBY DAY UPDATE

ABCIL HOSTED ITS FIRST LOBBY DAY ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND WITH A VERY MOTIVATED GROUP OF 12 IN ATTENDANCE. BELOW YOU WILL FIND AN UPDATE OF THE DAYS EVENTS.

WHILE SENATE BILL 43 WAS VOTED OUT OF LABOR COMMITTEE ALONG PARTY LINES ABCIL'S LOBBYING EFFORTS CERTAINLY DID NOT GO UNNOTICED! THE DEMOCRAT LEGISLATORS REITERATED MANY OF ABCIL'S CONCERNS WITH THIS BILL TO THE SPONSOR AND AGREED TO HELP HIM WITH GETTING IT OUT OF COMMITTEE BUT NONE OF THEM COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE BILL ONCE IT IS HEARD ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. IT IS A RARE OCCASION THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD QUESTION A BILL SPONSORED BY ONE OF THEIR OWN MEMBERS IN LEADERSHIP AND EVEN MORE RARE THAT THEY WOULD QUESTION A BILL BEING SUPPORTED BY ONLY ORGANIZED LABOR! IT WAS APPARENT THAT OUR EFFORTS GAVE THE MEMBERS OF THE LABOR COMMITTEE INSIGHT INTO THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON THE ECONOMY THAT THIS BILL WILL CAUSE IF PASSED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS BILL VERY CLOSELY!

ABCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS LOBBY DAY!

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT

HEAVY EQUIPMENT IS JUST WHAT IT SAYS IT IS - 'HEAVY'. THESE LARGE AND POWERFUL MACHINES CAN BE DANGEROUS TO THOSE THAT WORK AROUND THEM AS WELL AS THOSE WHO OPERATE THEM. THE FIRST THING THAT WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT THE OPERATOR HAS A LIMITED SIGHT RANGE AND BLIND SPOTS AS WELL. NEVER ASSUME THAT THE OPERATOR CAN SEE YOU!

ALL BI-DIRECTIONAL EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT THAT HAS THE REAR VIEW OBSTRUCTED MUST HAVE A BACKUP ALARM. THIS ALARM IS AN AUDIBLE DEVICE THAT EMITS A WARNING SOUND TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS BACKING UP. ALWAYS OBSERVE THIS WARNING -- LOOK UP FROM WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE OUT OF THE WAY. IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO HEAR THE BACKUP ALARM ON NOISY CONSTRUCTION SITES, SO IF YOU'RE WORKING NEARBY, BE CAUTIOUS AND EXTRA ALERT FOR THE SOUND OF THE ALARM. OTHER TYPES OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HORN SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR CAR. THE OPERATOR MAY SOUND THE HORN TO WARN YOU OR TO GET YOUR ATTENTION TO LET YOU KNOW THAT HE IS ABOUT TO SWING SOMETHING AROUND OR OVER YOU.

KEEP A KEEN EYE OUT FOR THE MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY AROUND PINCH POINTS. THESE AREAS SHOULD BE BARRICADED OFF TO LIMIT ACCESS SO NO ONE GETS CRUSHED WHEN A CRANE SWINGS AROUND.

IF YOU ARE THE OPERATOR OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT, ALWAYS CHECK THE BRAKES, STEERING, BACKUP ALARM, HEADLIGHTS AND OTHER CONTROLS BEFORE STARTING. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. EYE PROTECTION, SAFETY BOOTS, HARD HAT OR HEARING PROTECTION MAY BE REQUIRED BY YOUR EMPLOYER. IF IT'S REQUIRED BE SURE TO WEAR IT.

ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN IS THOSE WHO TRY TO HITCH A RIDE ON A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN! TO DO SO WILL CAUSE AN ACCIDENT SHOULD THE RIDER FALL OFF. A GOOD RULE TO FOLLOW IS 'NO PASSENGERS ALLOWED' UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT YOU OPERATE HAS A SEAT BELT MAKE SURE YOU WEAR IT!

SOURCE:
WWW.TOOLBOXTOPICS.COM

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

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ABCIL'S ANNUAL CHICAGOLAND GOLF OUTING



COST:

- ⇒ INDIVIDUAL GOLF & DINNER \$165
- ⇒ FOURSOME GOLF & DINNER \$600,
- ⇒ DINNER ONLY \$40

COST INCLUDES:

- ⇒ GREEN FEES
- ⇒ LUNCH
- ⇒ ALL BEVERAGES AND ITEMS FROM THE BEVERAGE CART/KEG HOLE
- ⇒ DINNER BUFFET
- ⇒ ONE HOUR OPEN BAR AT DINNER
- ⇒ DOOR PRIZES

AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

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\$3,000

GOLF THEMED DINNER
FAVOR SPONSOR: \$2,000

DINNER SPONSOR \$1,000

BEVERAGE CART
SPONSOR: \$600 EACH (2
AVAILABLE)

DOOR PRIZE SPONSOR \$500
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HOLE SPONSOR \$ 250
(18 AVAILABLE)

KEG HOLE SPONSOR \$200

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CONTEST WINNER

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APRIL 30, 2009

PEORIA REGIONAL DINNER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF NETWORKING WITH GUEST SPEAKER DOUG WHITLEY, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM AT THE LARIAT STEAK HOUSE, 2232 W. GLEN, PEORIA, IL 61614. THE COST IS \$25.00 PER PERSON

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MAY 7 -8, 2009

REGION II MEETING

THIS YEAR THE REGION II MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY ABC—CORNHUSKER CHAPTER AT THE EMBASSY SUITES, OMAHA/DOWNTOWN. 555 S. 10TH ST. OMAHA, NE 68102

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MAY 8, 2009

CONSULTATIVE SELLING SKILLS FOR SALES PROFESSIONALS

THIS SELLING SKILLS-FOCUSED SESSION WILL UTILIZE FACILITATOR LED DISCUSSIONS, CASE STUDIES, CLASSROOM EXERCISES AND ROLE PLAYING TO NOT ONLY LEARN THE KEY SKILLS BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO PRACTICE THEM RESULTING IN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN RETENTION. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY O'HARE CAMPUS, 3166 S. RIVER ROAD, DES PLAINES, IL. 60018

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MAY 20, 2009

ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR NEWLY PROMOTED AND FRONT LINE SUPERVISORS

THIS ONE DAY SEMINAR WILL PREPARE YOUR SUPERVISORS FOR A COMPLETE CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND OFFER A PLAN FOR THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. THEY WILL COME AWAY WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE BOSS, PEERS, STAFF, AND COMPANY EXPECTS OF THEM. THE INVALUABLE TOOLS IN THIS PROGRAM WILL PREPARE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR IMPORTANT NEW ROLE PROVIDING GREATER CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY O'HARE CAMPUS, 3166 S. RIVER ROAD, DES PLAINES, IL. 60018

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JUNE 18, 2009

2009 GRADUATION

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR 2009 GRADUATES AT BELVEDERE BANQUETS, 1170 W. DEVON . ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 7:00PM. COST: TBD

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JULY 30, 2009

ABCIL ANNUAL CHICAGOLAND GOLF OUTING

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT PHEASANT RUN RESORT, 4051 EAST MAIN ST. SAINT. CHARLES, IL 60174. REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 11:45 AM, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START. DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. (PLEASE SEE THE COST LIST IN THE LEFT MARGIN)

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