

UPDATE | AIA Virginia Board of Directors
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Item

Advocacy Letter - Build America, Buy America Act (BABA)

Background

AIA (Nationals) requested that AIA components sign an advocacy letter in response to The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). BABA requires that all iron, steel, construction materials, and manufactured products used in federally funded infrastructure projects be produced in the United States. We would like to invite you to sign a circulating letter urging Congress to exempt privately operated, HUD-funded affordable housing projects from these requirements.

An exemption from BABA is needed because the requirements increase costs, create administrative burdens, and cause lengthy delays, all of which threaten the feasibility of affordable housing projects funded by HUD. Without an exemption, fewer affordable homes will be built for communities that urgently need them.

Paul Battaglia, AIA signed the letter on behalf of AIA Virginia after conferring with the President Jancy and President-Elect Hopkins.