

# PACA PAC is Creating a Unified and Strong Voice for Our Industry

PACA staff are actively engaged with state policymakers to educate them on our industry's issues during decision-making processes. Most organizations refer to that vital activity as government affairs. We believe that is a key function of the association, but we didn't stop there. A decade ago, we made the strategic decision to hire a lobbyist who interacts daily with the General Assembly and the executive branch, not just when they are in session or when there is a crisis. Hank Butler has elevated our presence with his extensive experience managing tough issues on both sides of the aisle. It's taken us years to become more comfortable and open in this political engagement. We're committed to end the "quiet industry" label and support the policymakers who are champions of our industry!

PACA works collaboratively with the PA Chamber of Business and Industry on several coalitions from defeating a gas severance tax to DEP permitting reform. We embrace the power of the collective to effect change in the complex and partisan political environment in which we operate. That has not stopped us for advocating for our industry by introducing legislation on a Power Takeoff (PTO) state fuel tax rebate for our ready mixed concrete producers or a bill to require professional sampling and initial curing of concrete samples on commercial construction to mitigate the inherent risk for every yard of concrete placed. We continue to educate and inform all stakeholders of the aggregate availability challenge that the commonwealth is facing, even though we consistently rank among the top five crushed stone producing states in the nation.

**In the last legislative session, we contributed \$150,000 to our political champions. With your help today, we can reach or surpass our goal for the 2023-2024 fundraising campaign is \$250,000.**

Please address any contributions and correspondence to: PACA PAC, 2040 Linglestown Road, Ste. 204 Harrisburg, PA 17110. If you have any questions or would like a PACA staff member to visit with you, do not hesitate to contact me or Peter Vlahos, (717) 234-2603 or [peter@pacaweb.org](mailto:peter@pacaweb.org).



Rod Martin  
PACA PAC Chair  
President of Martin Stone Quarries, Inc.

# Building and Connecting Communities

Over the past several years, PACA PAC has been effective in strengthening our voice in state government. Our PAC has helped to strengthen our industry and fend off bureaucratic obstacles. PACA PAC has helped our members by:

- Navigating and amplifying your voice with state agencies, including L&I, PennDOT, DEP and DCNR.
- Protecting you by defeating legislation that could hinder your business and the livelihood of your workers.
- Championing legislation to help advance your business.

**Our voice is getting louder, but we need your help.** As you are seeing and reading, the Pennsylvania political environment is very unstable and could easily turn into a hostile environment for businesses throughout the state and YES, this includes the aggregates, cement, and concrete industry.

With your grassroots efforts like site tours and a donation to the PAC, you can help PACA PAC continue our efforts to contribute to the elected officials who are helping PACA to advance our legislative agenda while protecting our industry from initiatives that could hinder and obstruct the Pennsylvania aggregates, cement, and concrete industry.

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