



STANDING UP TO **TAX FRAUD** SPEAK OUT. TAKE ACTION.

Construction Industry Tax Fraud
Days of Action – April 14-17, 2021

bannering, media trucks and rallies to webinars, meetings with policy makers, jobsite visits and press conferences. All events were held in accordance with COVID-19 safety requirements.

The press paid attention. There were over one hundred articles and television and radio broadcasts. The UBC and councils' Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts were buzzing as well. Thousands of carpenters participated and were joined by mayors, councilmembers, members of Congress, county supervisors, district attorneys, state attorneys general, governors, community activists, state lawmakers, members of parliament, provincial members of parliament and government ministers.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced new bidding requirements for her state. Contractors there will have to disclose their labor record and certify that workers will be properly classified as employees. There was an important break-through in Canada. **MP Francesco Sobrara**, who is also the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Revenue, is going to press for carpenters to have a seat on the Canada Revenue Agency's task force on the underground economy.

For more details on these and many more accomplishments, go to this TFDOA wrap up [blog](#). The UBC will be producing a wrap-up video, so stay tuned for more highlights.

While we have these days of action yearly, truly every day of every year is a day of action in the fight for fairness, the dignity of work and to shine a light on the abuses of fraud and exploitation of construction workers.

**"We will not stop our efforts until tax fraud and worker abuse in the construction industry is eliminated."
—Douglas J. McCarron, General President**

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Tax Fraud Days of Action 2021: We Stood Up. We Took Action.

The cheaters in the construction industry were not stopped by COVID-19, and it didn't keep UBC affiliates from fighting back. UBC Regional Councils in the US and Canada held over 100 events in the 2021 Construction Industry Tax Fraud Days of Action. Events ranged from

Elections & Consequences

The **USDOL** has [withdrawn](#) the harmful independent contractor rule created during the Trump administration. The rule would have made it easier for cheating contractors to evade payment of wages and overtime. The **UBC** opposed the rule and supported its withdrawal. The UBC has also supported the USDOL's proposal to rescind its equally flawed joint employer rule.

The **Tennessee** legislature just agreed to a ballot initiative to [amend](#) their constitution by adding a "right-to-work" clause. Tennessee is already a "right-to-work" state but legislators want to make it as difficult as possible to repeal the law by putting it in their constitution. The vote will be in November 2022.

US Civil Rights Advisory Board Targets Wage Theft

An advisory committee to the **US Civil Rights Commission** issued a report on wage theft. The [report](#) recognizes the exploitation of immigrants and use of crooked subcontractors and labor brokers. They recommend the federal government adopt a law making upper-tier contractors liable for their subcontractors' wage theft.

NJ DOL Issues State-Wide SWO

The New Jersey DOL [issued](#) a first-of-its-kind statewide stop work order against **Cunha's Construction**. Cunha is accused of "repeated and ongoing violations of state wage and hour laws." The **Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council** championed the adoption of the state stop work order. State **Attorney General Gubir Grewel** is assisting with the case.

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