

MBI Legislative Focus.....

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ENGAGE MBI CALL TO ACTION

Two weeks ago, you were informed of action taken by the Iowa House of Representatives that incorporated a reduction in the statute of repose into one of the remaining appropriation bills (Senate File 510). This effort put MBI's top legislative priority back in the proverbial ball game for the 2015 session. It is time once again to make contacts into the Iowa Senate.

As you recall, the Iowa House previously passed legislation to reduce the statute of repose from 15 years to 10 years. Unfortunately, the Iowa Senate opted to not have any hearings on the bill, thus the bill – House File 194 – as a stand-alone piece of legislation died. With this latest action however, the Iowa House has given us an opportunity to have the language of the bill be part of a possible budget compromise as negotiations continue in an effort to adjourn for the session. Senate Democratic leaders are opposed to a reduction in the statute of repose and will continue to express their opposition unless there are rank and file Democratic senators who are willing to show their support. From a senator's perspective, a move of support is made a lot easier if there is a ground swell of support from constituents in their respective district. This is where MBI members and commercial construction colleagues must step up and send a very strong message.

Since our Call to Action last week, we have generated over 300 contacts into the Iowa Senate. This is a good start, but we must do better. If you responded to the most recent Calls to Action... thank you! In the meantime, please consider forwarding to others in your firm or business colleagues outside of your company. The larger the response, the better our chances.

If you have not yet responded to last week's Call to Action, you are asked to please do so immediately. Negotiations between House and Senate leaders are going on right now!

[Engage MBI Call to Action](#) Link

Through Engage MBI, you are being asked to do three things today:

- 1. Use the above Engage MBI Call to Action link to contact your Senator to show your support for the provision in the House amendment that added the statute of repose reduction.***
- 2. Forward the above Engage MBI Call to Action link to EVERYONE in your company, asking that they take part in this important effort to show widespread support for a reduction in the statute of repose. Remind them that this impacts EVERY single commercial construction project in the state of Iowa.***

3. Forward the above Engage MBI link to ALL of your business partners. We all must take part in a wide show of support to this effort.

Like all negotiations there is a give and a take. The commercial construction industry – through Engage MBI – must step up to make the case to show Senate negotiators that there is widespread support. It is guaranteed that our opposition - the trial lawyers and the Iowa State Bar Association – are making contacts right now to convince Iowa Senators that a reduction in the statute of repose is bad for the legal community. We must counter this effort with an overwhelming number of contacts.

By using the Engage MBI Call to Action, creating a contact only **takes less than a minute**. Please help your commercial construction industry by contacting your Senator today.