

Washington Alert

FIA Lobby Day Planned for March 12th in Washington....Hotel Discount Expires February 11th

Card Check (Employee Free Choice Act) / Cap and Trade (Climate Change Legislation) / Energy Costs and availability / Trade Policy and Currency fairness/Healthcare / Tax reform.

Those issues were most mentioned by FIA members in FIA's Public Policy survey (October, 2008) and that was **before** the election. Don't those matters seem even more important to the forging industry **after** the election?

And given a renewed Washington focus of rebuilding jobs, infrastructure and actual interest in manufacturing, isn't this the time to go to Capitol Hill, meet your legislators and tell them not only of our concerns, but also how we can help these rebuilding targets?

Mark your calendars now for March 12, and join us for FIA's 6th Annual Forging Industry Lobby Day to meet your legislators in Washington. Building on the past 5 years of consistent effort to make our presence known in Washington, FIA's Lobby firm The Laurin Baker Group will be coordinating member visits with participants' legislators. Participants are urged to fly in for a group briefing/dinner March 11 and spend the 12th in several "group" visits on the Hill, before departure that day. It's quick, easy and (as past participants attest) worthwhile to do.

Please fill out the attached registration form and return it to Jennifer Baker Reid at jreid@thelaurinbakergroup.com or fax 202-842-0439 as soon as possible to confirm your participation and to allow time for scheduling congressional visits of interest to you. As the form explains, arrangements and a hotel block for March 11 will be at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel on Capitol Hill (tel 202-737-1234 or 800-233-1234) FIA's rate is \$259/single. Please call the hotel directly using FIA's reservation code "FIA" not later than February 11.

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