

Opposition Campaign Funding Request for Residential Fire Sprinkler Mandate



Southwest Illinois
Home Builders
Association



Political Action
Committee

A copy of our report filed with the State Board of Elections is (or will be) available at the office of the State Board of Elections, 1020 S Spring St., Springfield, IL 62708

HBA

\$2,500

Challenge

The SSHBA has committed \$2,500 to this fight and have challenged all local HBA's in Illinois to do the same. SSHBA will match up to another \$2,500 if we are successful.

Mail to:

HBA PAC,

6100 W. Main St.,
Maryville, IL 62062

-or-

Fax to:

(618) 343-6335

Dear HBA Member,

As you are probably aware, when the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) was introduced, it included a provision requiring residential fire sprinklers in all new homes. We have been fortunate so far that none of our local municipalities have adopted the 2009 code which would add many thousands of dollars to the cost of a new home in a market that we all know won't absorb these costs. The HBA and its Political Action Committee (SWILHBAPAC) have been anticipating that the time would come to defend our industry against this requirement and it appears that time has come.

According to Bill Ward, Executive Vice President of the Home Builders Association of Illinois, "The Illinois State Fire Marshall, Larry Matkaitis, has announced his personal intentions to adopt in 2012 a new Life Safety Code in Illinois; **including mandated residential fire sprinklers for all newly constructed single-family homes.**"

By all accounts, the economy won't recover until the residential construction industry rebounds, and this requirement would certainly delay that by substantially increasing the cost of a new home and causing more buyers to purchase re-sale homes that don't have the additional costs of a sprinkler system figured in the price.

We are lucky to have a strong statewide association, as well as, great local associations that are ready to be aggressive to protect the home building industry. We need the membership of our HBA, which has the strongest membership in the state, to step up to the challenge!

All ready in stride is Bruce Riedle/RP Lumber, Mark Fulford/Fulford Homes, Mark Vogt/Vogt Builders and Scott Dettmer/Dettmer Homes who have all agreed to make \$100 contributions to the SWILHBAPAC.

These members are challenging all other HBA members to make a \$100 contribution as well. It doesn't have to be \$100, any amount would be a great investment in protecting our industry against regulations that decrease the affordability of new homes and puts new homes at a competitive disadvantage against other real estate. Even if you aren't a Builder, think about how important new home construction is to your business. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 to contribute to the fight against residential sprinklers.

Call the HBA office at 618.343.6331 with any questions.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TO PLEDGE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 (recommended) ___ \$_____ (other)

Your Name

Company Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Phone#

Email address

Amount enclosed or payment below

Invoice company (HBA members only)

Charge to Visa/MasterCard Number: _____

Exp Date _____ Signature _____