



## United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC)

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### **Carpenters and Allies to Target Tax Fraud in Construction During “Days of Action” Events, April 14 – 17**

WASHINGTON, DC, April 12, 2021 – With billions of dollars’ worth of tax and insurance fraud perpetrated annually by dishonest contractors and labor brokers at the expense of taxpayers, workers and honest construction companies, members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) and their allies will hold scores of protests and educational events across the U.S. and Canada April 14 – 17.

Many of the Tax Fraud Days of Action events will be virtual and all public events will be held in strict accordance with local regulations due to COVID-19.

Construction industry tax fraud victimizes workers, legitimate contractors and the public. In 2020 an [authoritative study](#) found that over 20 percent of the construction workforce; that is, as many as 2.41 million construction workers, are illegally paid off the books or misclassified as independent contractors. Using mid-range estimates, the federal and state tax losses are \$8.4 billion a year.

“By neglecting to fully address the crisis we are harming our communities and future generations,” said UBC General President Douglas J. McCarron. “The schemes perpetrated by those who engage in fraud crowd out legitimate employers and undermine the good jobs that they provide. Workers are horribly exploited and abused. And public revenue disappears when lawbreakers fail to meet their tax obligations.”

This year’s Days of Action events include webinars and virtual town halls, press conferences, in-person banner displays in public locations and other events. Numerous local, state and provincial officeholders who are concerned about construction industry tax fraud will be featured speakers at events. A list of some of the events and contacts for further information can be found at <https://stoptaxfraud.net/standup/events/>

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