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### **Carpenters and Allies to Protest Worker Exploitation and Tax Fraud by Construction Employers During “Days of Action” Events, April 6 – 18**

WASHINGTON, DC – Members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC) and their allies will hold scores of activities and educational events across the United States and Canada, April 6 – 18, to highlight the crisis of worker abuse brought on by billions of dollars’ worth of stolen wages as well as tax and workers’ compensation employer premium fraud perpetrated by dishonest labor brokers and other construction employers.

A broad [national study](#) used conservative estimates and found that up to 2.1 million construction workers, or 19 percent, are misclassified as independent contractors or paid off the books. Workers suffer \$1.9 billion in overtime wage theft and working families suffer a \$5.1 billion tax increase because crooked employers shift their own responsibility to pay employment taxes onto their workers’ backs.

In addition, according to a [study](#) by the Economic Policy Institute, a typical construction worker who is paid as an independent contractor can expect to lose as much as \$19,526 per year in income and benefits compared with what they would have earned as a W-2 employee.

State and federal tax losses amount to \$10 billion a year and workers’ compensation insurers lose \$5 billion to employer premium fraud.

“Criminal cheating infects all of construction and extends to our communities and our pocketbooks,” said UBC General President Douglas J. McCarron. “It involves every size and type of construction jobsite—and employers at every level. Greed is at the foundation, and we will fight until the tax fraud business model is eliminated.”

Tax Fraud Days of Action events will include press conferences and rallies at state and provincial houses and federal buildings, worksite visits by elected officials and banner displays. Local, state, and

provincial officeholders who are concerned about construction employer 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/>

*The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners represents 500,000 skilled workers throughout North America. For more information on the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, please visit:*

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