

# **Legislative Accomplishments and Midterm Outlook**

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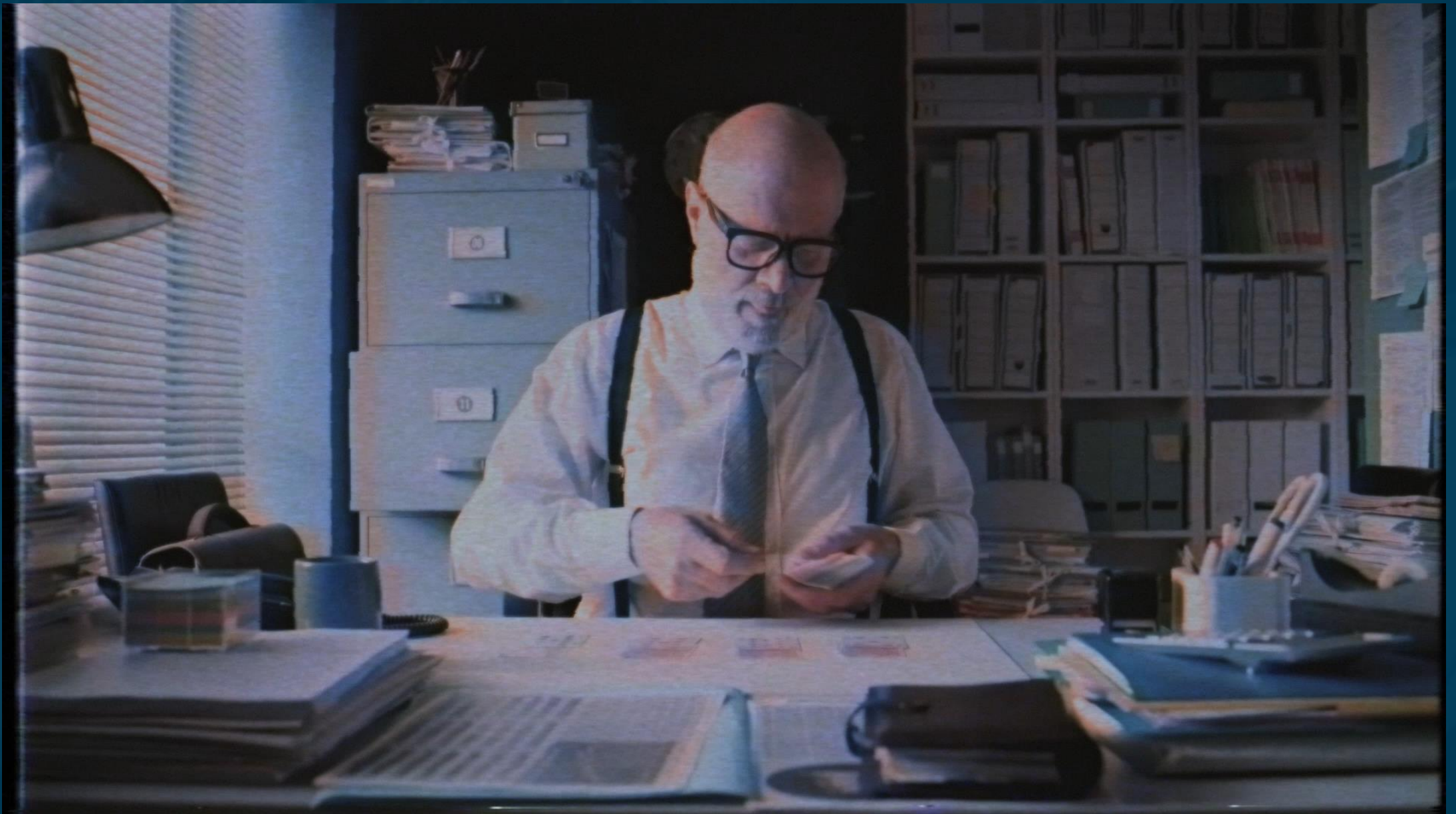
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**Member to Member – Nationwide**





Labor unions reach highest level of approval in US since 1965: Gallup



**In Ohio, Biden says updated program will stop pension cuts for millions of workers**

President Joe Biden on Wednesday announced an update to a program funded by last year's COVID-19 relief law that he said is expected to prevent pension cuts for two to three million workers.

## The New York Times

# *Biden Administration Releases Plan for \$50 Billion Investment in Chips*

The Commerce Department issued guidelines for companies angling to receive federal funding aimed at bolstering the domestic semiconductor industry.



ENERGYWIRE

**Biden, Manchin Back Deal To Advance Mountain Valley Pipeline**

## The Patriot Ledger

**President Biden Signs Inflation Reduction Act Into Law**

**POLITICO**PRO

Biden Interior surpasses Trump in drilling permits issued in first year

# **Biden Administration Delivering for UA Members**

## **Legislation and Policies**

- **American Rescue Plan
  - Pension reform**
- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)**
- **CHIPS Act**
- **Permitting reform**
- **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)**
- **Davis-Bacon rulemaking**
- **Executive Order on Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)**
- **Revoked IRAPs rule**
- **Defeated GOP effort to strip Davis-Bacon from CHIPS Act**

# Biden Administration Delivering for UA Members

## UA Projects and Industries

- Water infrastructure
- Water resiliency
- Water storage
- Lead line replacement
- Carbon capture
- Hydrogen
- New and existing nuclear
- Natural gas and gas distribution
- Energy efficiency, including heating and HVAC
- Heat pumps
- Geothermal
- Retrofitting
- PFAS and emerging contaminants



# Federal Regulatory Matters

- Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration/DOT, Nomination of William Gilbert to Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (filed 9/29/20)
- FERC, Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Facilities (filed 5/26/21).
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NuScale Small Modular Reactor Design Certification (filed 10/20/2021)
- DOL, 2021 ACVETEO Nomination for Michael (Mike) Hazard (filed 10/28/2021)
- PBGC, Nomination of Michael Jacobson to PBGC Advisory Committee (filed 12/3/2021)
- U.S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management, Superior National Forest Withdrawal Application (filed 1/18/22)
- EPA, Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: RFS Annual Rules (filed 2/4/22).
- DOE, Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on Using a Consent-Based Siting Process to Identify Federal Interim Storage Facilities (filed 3/3/22).
- DOE, Notice of Intent and Request for Information Regarding Establishment of a Civil Nuclear Credit Program (filed 3/8/22).
- DOE, Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Implementation Strategy (filed 3/21/22).
- CEQ, Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration Guidance (filed 4/18/22).
- FERC, Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Facilities/Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Natural Gas Infrastructure Project Reviews (filed 4/25/22).
- EPA, Public Meeting of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (filed 5/4/22).
- EPA, May 2022 Public Meeting of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (filed 5/25/22).
- HHS, Request for Information (RFI): 2022 HHS Environmental Justice Strategy Implementation Plan Draft Outline (filed 6/17/22).
- DOE, Innovative Technologies Loan Guarantee Program (Request for Information) (filed 8/1/22).
- DOE, Request for Information to Inform the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization (filed 8/9/22).
- DOL, Jennifer Massey Nomination to the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) (filed 8/31/22).
- GSA, Electronic Submission of Construction Payrolls for Davis-Bacon Projects (filed 9/8/22).
- Maritime Administration/U.S. Coast Guard, Sea Port Oil Terminal Environmental Impact Statement (filed 9/12/22).

# BIF-IRA-CHIPS

What do these bills have in common?

- ✓ Historic Labor Protections
- ✓ Davis-Bacon prevailing wage
- ✓ Project Labor Agreements
- ✓ Registered Apprenticeships



**President Biden with LU189  
members at Intel groundbreaking**



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding

- **\$19.7 billion** for water infrastructure including State Revolving Funds and WIFIA grants, all with labor protections like Davis-Bacon attached.
- **\$50 billion** for water resiliency.
- **\$1.15 billion** for water storage, groundwater storage, and conveyance projects.
- **\$15 billion** for lead line replacement.
- **\$10 billion** to address PFAS and emerging contaminants.
- **\$60 billion** for new and emerging energy sources.
- **\$9.5 billion** for carbon capture sequestration.
- **\$3.5 billion** for energy efficiency including heating and HVAC.
- **\$84 million** for testing geothermal projects.
- **\$8 billion** for four clean hydrogen hubs to demonstrate the production, processing, delivery, storage, and end-use of clean hydrogen.
- **\$500 million** for clean hydrogen manufacturing and recycling.
- **\$150 million** for a Long-Duration Demonstration Initiative and Joint Program for energy storage.
- **\$10 million** for a pumped storage demonstration project to facilitate long-duration storage of intermittent renewable energy (hydropower).
- **\$11 billion** for small modular reactors and existing nuclear plants.
- **\$1 billion** for gas distribution infrastructure projects.
- **\$4.7 billion** for repair of existing natural gas pipelines.



# Inflation Reduction Act and CHIPS Act Funding

## Inflation Reduction Act

- ***\$369 billion in energy security and climate investments total, including:***
  - **\$30 billion** in production tax credits for batteries, critical minerals, and renewables
  - **\$10 billion** investment tax credit for construction of manufacturing facilities
  - **\$8 billion** for hydrogen production tax credit
  - **\$5.8 billion** for decarbonization in industrial sector
  - **\$5 billion** for natural gas plant upgrades
  - **\$1.5 billion** for methane emissions reduction
  - **\$1 billion** for retrofitting buildings
  - **\$500 million** for heat pumps

## CHIPS Act

- ***\$200 billion total over the next five years to help the US regain a leading position in semiconductor chip manufacturing. Included in that:***
  - **\$39 billion in manufacturing incentives**
  - **\$10 billion for regional innovation hubs**
  - **\$11 billion for workforce development**
  - **\$2 billion to strengthen small manufacturers**

# BIF-IRA-CHIPS

What do they mean for UA Members?





# Midterm Strategy

## Member to Member Campaigns

- Targeted Digital Ads and Banners
  - GP Messaging nationwide
  - UA Allies in targeted races
- Broadcast and Cable TV Ads
- Targeted Direct Mail



## Independent Expenditures (IE)

- Broadcast and Cable TV Ads in key races
- Targeted Digital Ads and Microsites







**JOSH**  
ALASKAN WELDER

**Alaska Senate IE**

**Josh Lamb  
Plumbers & Steamfitters  
UA Local 367**




**Pennsylvania Governor – IE**

# Targeted Races – Our Criteria

- U.S. House, U.S. Senate, Governor
- Party does not matter
  - Must be moderate
- Leaders on critical committees for UA work
- Consistent votes to protect Davis-Bacon, PLAs, UA apprenticeships
- Commitment to always supporting UA jobs with fair wages and benefits

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## Pennsylvania UA Members Have a Clear Choice

At the UA, we cut through the political BS and back candidates who fight hard and deliver results for our Members — no matter the odds. That's why UA Members are backing Josh Shapiro for Governor.

Attorney General Shapiro has always fought for UA Members, protecting wages and benefits for workers. He's cracked down on companies endangering worker safety and prosecuted the largest prevailing wage criminal case on record in Pennsylvania history.

**As Governor, Josh Shapiro will:**

- ✓ Protect UA Member and retiree benefits
- ✓ Invest in Apprenticeship & Training Programs
- ✓ Make sure government projects have prevailing wages
- ✓ Defeat anti-union "right-to-work" laws
- ✓ Boost wages and secure benefits for UA Members



At his first stop, Shapiro visited UA Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 520 to thank union members and community leaders for their support.

*"As Attorney General, I've gone out every day to protect workers who are doing the backbreaking work on the front lines. When they get ripped off, we go to bat for them," Shapiro declared. "As Governor, I'll always protect Pennsylvania workers."* (10/16/21)

**Stand with  
UA Members  
VOTE FOR →**

**JOSH SHAPIRO**  
for PA GOVERNOR





**Wisconsin Governor – Member to Member**

**Take Action and Get Involved**  
**If you're not at the table, you're on the menu.**



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