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# Hardwood Federation Charge



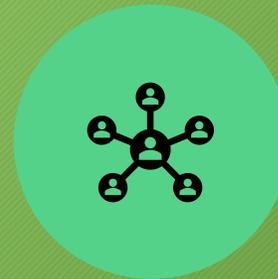
**EDUCATE  
POLICY MAKERS**



**PARTICIPATE IN  
THE PROCESS**



**ACTIVATE THE  
GRASSROOTS**



**NETWORK WITH  
D.C. ALLIED  
ASSOCIATIONS**



**SUPPORT OUR  
CHAMPIONS -  
HFPAC**

**Forest Products Are Part of the Climate Solution**

**Maintain Favorable Tax and Regulatory Systems**

**Infrastructure & Transportation Improvements that Benefit Hardwood**

**Trade & Export Markets are Key to Industry Success**

**Hardwood Federation Key Issues**

**Some Wins...But  
Challenges  
Remain**

**Ocean Shipping  
Reform**

## **Wins**

- **Puts Burden of Proof on Shippers for Imposed Fees**
- **FMC empowered to investigate complaints**

## **Challenges**

- **West Coast Labor Negotiations**
- **Empty Contain Issue Left to Regulators**

# **Increasing Truck Driver Numbers**

## **Infrastructure Bill Wins**

- **Pilot for Drivers 18-21 to Drive Interstate**
- **Grandfather NC Weight Limits on State Roads Converting to Federal Roads**

## **Proposed Legislation**

- **Driver Training Dollars**
- **Streamline New Driver Licenses**
- **Tax Credit for New Truck Drivers on Vehicle Purchase**

# Forest Products

## Infrastructure Bill Wins

- **Requiring Land Restoration Projects to Consider Proximity to Sawmills**

## 2022 Federation Offense

- **Tax Credits for Building Materials**
- **Hardwood in the Farm Bill**

# **Inflation Reduction Act**

**Passed on Partisan Basis**

## **Pros**

- **Use of Low Carbon Materials**
- **Wood Stove Tax Credit**
- **Wood Innovation Grants**
- **Wildfire Prevention**

## **Challenges**

- **Corporate Taxes on Big Business – Impacts?**
- **IRS Enforcement**
- **Massive Green Energy Spending**

**Inflation  
Reduction Act**  
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## **Jury Still Out**

- **Old Growth and Mature Forests**
- **Decarbonization**
- **Environmental Product Declarations**
- **Grants for Forest Owners**

# **Politics 2022**

## **All Eyes on the Midterms**

**Democrats Control White House,  
Senate and U.S. House**

**Narrow Margins in Senate and House**

**Public Awareness and Engagement is  
High**

**Thousands of Seats are in Cycle**

# Who's on the Ballot?

**435 U.S. House Members**

**34 of 100 U.S. Senators**

**39 Governors**

**6000 State Legislative Seats**

**Countless State and Local  
Government Seats**

**WHA  
Members  
Have A Role!**

**Be Informed!**

**Meet Elected Officials  
on Your Turf**

**Respond to Calls to  
Action**

**You are the expert  
about your  
business!**

**You have personal connections.**

**Your connection at the local level  
makes our connections in D.C.  
more powerful & memorable.**

**You have passion and it shows.**

**You...and your employees...vote.**

**YOU are your own best advocate!**

# Hardwood Federation Key Issue Points

## **Build Markets for Hardwood Products**

- The Carbon Storage Benefits of Wood Products **MUST** Be Included in Carbon Accounting Systems
- Protect & Expand International Markets

## **Oppose Tax increases that Hurt American Hardwood Companies**

## **Support Workforce Training for Hardwood Industry Needs**

## **Get More Truck Drivers on the Road**

- Ease Licensing for New Drivers
- Ensure U.S. Exports Leave Our Ports On Time in Full Ships

# Resources

**[www.HardwoodFederation.Com](http://www.HardwoodFederation.Com)**

- Issue Background and Talking Points
- Company Tour How-To Manual
- State and National Economic Impact of Hardwood Industry
- HF Newsletter and Cheat Sheet

**[www.Congress.Gov](http://www.Congress.Gov)**

- U.S. Senators
- U.S. Representative

**Support the Federation!!**

**Corporate Contributions**

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