



## **PROTECTING THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT AND MILLIONS OF UNION CONSTRUCTION JOB HOURS**

Energy infrastructure accounts for nearly fifty percent of all hours worked by NABTU's over three million members. It remains one of the strongest areas of growth for the unionized construction industry, and this sector has been supercharged by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

To date, the IRA has brought hundreds of billions of dollars in announced investment for projects ranging from battery facilities to geothermal, carbon capture and sequestration, offshore/onshore wind, nuclear, solar, and beyond. Nearly every IRA tax credit for this wide range of industries **contains a 5 times multiplier (or bonus credit) when the project owner ensures that contractors pay prevailing wages and utilize registered apprentices.**

**The future of these credits and the hundreds of billions of dollars worth of union construction projects and millions of job hours is under threat.**

### Key Points

- Prevailing wage and Registered Apprenticeship uplift all workers across the country, both union and non-union.
- These labor standards create stable, middle-class jobs, ensure a pipeline of highly skilled workers, and deliver significant returns on investment for taxpayers and local communities alike.
- The IRA tax credits that are tied to Registered Apprenticeship utilization and prevailing wage primarily impacts projects in red states and Republican Congressional districts.
- Domestic and international developers have flocked to America because of these credits and our high-quality workforce. Removing these incentives will be detrimental to our nation's goal of energy dominance.
- Per Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation, weakening or removing these labor standards from the tax code does not produce a "pay-for" and will not save money.

### List of Energy Project Types Impacted by the Inflation Reduction Act

Carbon Capture and Sequestration, Solar, Nuclear, Electric Vehicle Supply Chain, Geothermal, Hydrogen, Offshore Wind, Onshore Wind, Biomass, Landfill Gas (municipal solid waste), Trash (municipal solid waste), Hydropower, Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Facilities, Microturbine Property, Combined Heat and Power Property, Fuel Cell Property, Microturbine Property, Zero-Emissions Charging Infrastructure, Battery/Energy Storage Technology etc.

### State of Play

Congressional Republicans are still drafting their reconciliation legislation. They are expected to attempt to pass it sometime between Memorial Day and their August recess. Anti-union groups are pushing their allies in Congress to repeal these labor standards from the tax code. The timing could not be better for building trades constituents to remind House and Senate members to **OPPOSE** any attempt to weaken or repeal these labor standards.