

Legislative Update
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- Presentation Overview
 - *PIA/GATF Government Affairs*
 - *Workplace Safety & Labor Issues*
 - *Environmental Issues*
 - *Political Outlook*
 - *How You Can Help*

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- PIA/GATF Mission Statement
 - *PIA/GATF advocates public policy that **benefits** and **protects** Americas printing industry.*
- Policy agenda is Member-Driven...
 - *Government Affairs Cmte*
 - *Two-year survey of issue concerns*
 - *Additional member surveys on specific legislative positions*

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- Workplace Safety & Labor Policy Issues
 - *Legislative & Political Dynamics*
 - House Education & Labor Committee
 - Senate HELP Committee
 - *Legislative Pace*
 - *Legislative Themes*
 - Charges of inaction by Bush Administration
 - “Corrections” of court cases too favorable to employers
 - Reactionary legislation
 - Using funding process to affect pro-business DOL/OSHA functions
 - Return to power after a decade plus in the minority

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- Charges of inaction by Bush Administration
 - *Diacetyl (“Popcorn Lung”)*
- “Corrections” of court cases too favorable to employers
 - *Ledbetter*
 - *RESPECT Act*
- Reactionary legislation
 - *Mining disasters*
 - *Oil refinery disaster*
 - *Sugar plant disaster*
- Using funding process to affect pro-business DOL/ OSHA functions
 - *OLMS*
 - *OSHA Industry Alliances*
- Return to power after a decade plus in the minority
 - *Expansions & Rewrites*
 - *FMLA*
 - *ADA*
 - *Ergo*

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- Workplace Safety & Labor Policy Outlook
 - *House: Continue apace with legislation; setting stage and building vote history for 111th Congress...and a potential White House more willing to enact legislation.*
 - *Senate: May take up one or two of the House-passed bills but not expected to match House's pace*
 - *White House: Will continue to issue Statements of Administration Policy (SAPs, a.k.a. "veto threats") on anti-employer legislation*
 - *Election 2008: Look for easily politicized issues to creep into campaign speeches and campaign advertising.*

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- Environmental Policy Issues
 - *Legislative & Political Dynamics*
 - New focus on legislative response to climate change
 - California
 - Emboldened special interests
 - Mail (paper) under attack by pro-environmental groups
 - *Legislative Pace*
 - *Legislative Themes*
 - Carbon emissions
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- Environmental Policy Legislation – Senate
- Environmental Policy Legislation – House
- EPA Ozone Proposal
- Restrictions on Direct Mail (i.e., “Do Not Mail”)

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- Environmental Policy Outlook
 - *110th Congress action precursor as place-holder for new Congress and new President.*
 - *Opportunities for new alliances, input & bipartisanship*
 - *Opportunities to promote industry's efforts in "green"/ environmental stewardship (i.e., SGP)*
 - *State initiatives "Do Not Mail" will not go away; bill sponsors will look to refine and "tweak" proposals.*

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- How You Can Help

- *Engage legislatively via imPRINT and Calls to Action*
- *Engage politically via PrintPAC*
- *Engage in grassroots advocacy by attending the 2008 Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. on June 17-18.*

- Contact Us!

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