



## **Wanted: MCAA Congressional Grassroots State Captains**

### Background on United States Congressional Activity

In 2007, the United States Congress has held three congressional hearings discussing the misclassification of independent contractors. Recently, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has begun sharing information with targeted states to increase enforcement activities. Earlier this year, President Bush's budget proposal referenced independent contractors several times including a plan to withhold wages. Finally, negative independent contractor legislation has been introduced into the United States Senate. The Messenger Courier Association of the Americas (MCAA) feels the increase in activity at the federal level warrants the need to develop a congressional grassroots program to educate Members of Congress on the courier industry.

### The MCAA Congressional Grassroots Program

The MCAA is asking its members to schedule meetings with their United States Congressmen or legislative staff at their District Offices to educate them on the courier industry. The purpose of these meetings will be to introduce your business and the industry along with its impact on the local economy to your elected representatives. This will set the groundwork for future meetings when crucial legislation is on the line.

### Purpose of State Captains

The MCAA is seeking individuals to serve as state captains of the congressional grassroots program. At least one state captain is needed in each state to serve as a liaison between MCAA members in that particular state and the Government and Legal Affairs Committee (GLAC). The purpose of the state captain is to provide better organization and coordination to the congressional grassroots program.

### Description of Duties and Desired Skills

The state captain will be responsible for recruiting potential MCAA members willing to attend meetings with their Members of Congress. They will also be tasked with making sure each MCAA member is equipped with the necessary talking points and other support materials before each meeting. Finally, the state captain will be asked to report the outcomes of each meeting back to the GLAC. Each state captain should have a good understanding of the legislative process.

### Need More Information?

If you would like more information on how you can become an MCAA congressional grassroots program state captain, please contact John Ferraro at 202-207-1121 or by email at [jferraro@kellencompany.com](mailto:jferraro@kellencompany.com).