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Advocacy Archives 1944-2004

2004 - Lobbied successfully for federal legislation including health savings accounts, estate tax repeal, federal tax cuts

2003 - Worked on the repeal of OSHA ergonomics legislation

2001 - Forced the PA Blues to maintain single-person group coverage

1998 - Lobbied for the repeal of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax

1996 - Workers Compensation Reform was finally accomplished in 1996 when Governor Ridge signed Workers Compensation reform legislation - a major victory for SMC and the "Summit Coalition" of business groups.

1993 - Protested a 52 percent increase in Workers Compensation premiums and won when Insurance Commissioner Cynthia Maleski rolled back the rate hike, saving businesses \$300 million in annual premiums.

1991 - Led a funeral procession with a casket to Harrisburg to protest Pennsylvania's largest tax hike in history and mourn the loss of 48,000 jobs

1983 - Sued the City of Pittsburgh over a Plant Closing Bill; two federal judges agreed that the ordinance violated commerce and equal protection and contract clauses of U.S. Constitution

1982 - Tackled computerization for small business with "SMC Net," bringing advanced technology tools to small businesses

1982 - Advanced a global trade initiative between Western Pennsylvania Export Council, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, International Trade Administration and SMC member companies

1981 - Supported legislation that preserved and created PA jobs during the Thornburgh administration

1980 - Sent 12 delegates to the first White House Conference on Small Business

1980 - Developed job training programs in a joint venture with Allegheny County and sanctioned by the Federal Job Training Partnership Act, part of the U.S. Dept. of Labor

1979 - Instrumental in having more than 100 nuisance regulations removed from OSHA regulations

1979 - Tax package written by and lobbied on by SMC was passed by the PA General Assembly. It included the elimination of the 90% prepayment of corporate taxes.

1979 - Takes leadership role in PA forum modeled on "Washington Presentation to Congress" on behest of Governor Shapp

1978 - Invited by President Carter to join panel on federal taxation

1974 - Requested to be part of a six-month study by former Export-Import Bank chairman (later CIA Director) William Casey on ways to stimulate the flow of equity and venture capital to small business

1972 - Became charter member of National Small Business Association

1972 - Named by President Nixon to the Small Business Economic Council

1972 - Established a firm lobbying presence at local, state and national levels

1970 - Participated in the "Washington Presentation to Congress" each spring to lobby for issues affecting our members

1957 - Worked to repeal the PA Capital Stock Tax, a reduction of the 6% Corporate Net Income Tax, and abolition of Allegheny County's Machinery Tax

1953 - Creation of the U.S. Small Business Administration

1950 - Advocated for the reduction of the tax burden and the need for practical, fair and equitable legislation relating to both management and labor

1944 - Worked to eliminate government controls and decentralization of industry with the return to civilian status