

# MRCA Well Represented as a Part of NRCA Roofing Day in D.C.



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This year it was held online, to keep everyone safe and healthy. Not quite as exciting as being in Washington D.C. in person and enjoying the cherry blossoms, but still a very effective event for the roofing industry!

Hundreds of NRCA Members participated in the two-day event meeting with the majority of Congressional and Senate offices across the country. Your Ohio-based MRCA staff joined in with other members in Ohio to meet with the following Representatives and Senators:

Senator Sherrod Brown; Senator Rob Portman; Representative Mike Turner; Representative Troy Balderson and Representative Warren Davidson.

A big thank you to the MRCA Members that participated in these sessions and relayed the needs of the industry directly to these officials. Special thanks goes out to Gary Howes from Durable Slate who did an exceptional job of representing Ohio in these special meetings and lending a personal and practical voice to the advocacy effort.

There were three issues of concern that were discussed with each of these legislators. They were:

1. Immigration Reform That Meets Workforce Needs

2. Increased Funding for Career and Technical Education

3. Strong Buildings Component in Infrastructure Legislation

You can access more information on these important industry positions at [www.nrca.net/advocacy/roofingday/issues](http://www.nrca.net/advocacy/roofingday/issues). Thanks to NRCA for sponsoring this well-run advocacy event!



## NRCA CEO receives honorary fellowship from Institute of Roofing

The Institute of Roofing has named NRCA CEO Reid Ribble as one of four honorary fellows in recognition of his long-standing service and outstanding contribution to the roofing industry. The honorary fellowships are awarded worldwide.



The Institute of Roofing is an organization based in the United Kingdom that works to drive, increase and maintain professionalism in supervision, management and ownership within the roofing industry, as well as raise awareness and promote roofing as a truly specialized sector of the construction industry.

Ribble was recognized for his 28 years of owning and running a commercial and residential roofing company

and his years of service to NRCA and the industry.

Graeme Millar, board director at the Institute of Roofing, said: "All four honorary fellows have made massive contributions to the roofing industry and are still doing so. Their dedication is truly exceptional, and this has had a positive impact both in the UK and right across the world."

"The decision to award these individuals honorary fellowships received unanimous backing of the IOR board, demonstrating the high esteem that each hold in our wonderful industry," he continued.

Ribble said: "In this era of COVID 19, most of the surprises I have been a part of have been disappointments. This one really lifted my day. To be honored in this way, especially on a global stage and with the fellow honorees, is something I just never even considered. I am thankful for this honor and recognition."