

## LEGISLATIVE

AMP remained active in the legislative process at the state and federal level in 2017. Maintaining our influence in Washington, D.C., AMP was able to work with the White House and congress to protect the ability to use tax-exempt municipal bonds and Build America Bonds (BABs) in the new tax plan. Lawmakers adopted legislation to waive the Pay-as-You-Go Act of 2010 requirement, which prevented the elimination of the payments to issuers of BABs and New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds. AMP and OMEA continue the work of addressing the adverse effect that sequestration has on BABs.

During the 2017 APPA Legislative Rally, AMP focused heavily on the issues of tax-exempt municipal bonds and BABs, as well as on rising transmission costs, capacity market impacts on customers and environmental policy.

AMP is consistently involved in legislative efforts at the state level, representing members and industry-related interests. In Ohio, AMP worked to ensure that AMP/OMEA amendments were adopted and included in the annual state spending bill. Included in the amendments are provisions beneficial to small hydro; clarifying language on kwh tax, ensuring members aren't put at a competitive disadvantage; and language to protect and preserve municipal utility assets in the event of village dissolutions. Additionally, AMP helped defeat (via line-item veto) a burdensome service territory provision.

In 2017, Pennsylvania was facing anti-municipal legislation and AMP is assisting members by securing appropriate resources to fight against the onerous legislative efforts. In West Virginia, AMP is assisting members in their efforts to simplify the rate making process by reducing regulatory hurdles.

