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**UFP Industries and LAT Join Forces to Advocate for Texas LBM Industry**  
*2023 LAT Action Day to Coincide with Texas Legislative Session*

**AUSTIN, Texas (December 14, 2022)** – The Lumbermen's Association of Texas (LAT), a non-profit trade association representing lumberyards and building material dealers, announced today a partnership with UFP Industries to bring the Texas LBM industry together for the 2023 LAT Action Day at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas.

"We will come together to share the impact the Texas lumber and building materials industry has on our state's economy and to educate legislators on how we create jobs by providing the materials needed to build Texas," said Peyton Ritter, President of the LAT Board of Directors and President at Ritter Lumber Company in Nederland, Texas. "We are excited to partner with UFP Industries to engage our members in support of public policy that keeps Texas an economic engine and a state where families can build homes."

"We understand that the government belongs to the people and we work to ensure that the people—through businesses and individuals—are at the table as important issues are discussed," said UFP Industries CEO Matthew J. Missad. "We share the belief held by LAT members that engaging state leaders by telling them our story and the impact we have on the state's economy is critical for the Texas LBM industry's continued success."

Since 1886, LAT members have understood the value and importance of advocating for the Texas LBM industry in Austin. The "2023 LAT Action Day Presented by UFP Industries" will be held on Wednesday, February 15 at the Texas Capitol. The event coincides with the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature that begins January 10, 2023.

"We will have a policy agenda that is responsive to the needs of our businesses," said Meagan Jones, Co-Chair of LAT's Legislative Committee and President and CEO of McCoy's Building Supply. "UFP Industries' support will help us engage our members to connect with their Senators and Representatives as constituents and that is what makes us effective in Austin."



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“Partnering with industry leaders in support of our advocacy work has allowed us to protect lien laws, keep taxes low and make Texas courts fair in trucking accidents, all recent LAT priorities,” said Tim Moore, Co-Chair of LAT’s Legislative Committee and General Counsel at Cassidy Jones Building Materials. “This investment by UFP Industries comes at an exciting time for our advocacy work and will allow us to strengthen our voice in Austin.”

Registration for the 2023 LAT Action Day Presented by UFP Industries is now open at [lat.org](http://lat.org) and registration is complimentary for all LAT members.

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#### **About the Lumbermen’s Association of Texas**

Founded in 1886, the Lumbermen’s Association of Texas (LAT) is a non-profit trade association representing lumberyards and building material dealers, as well as the manufacturers, distributors and service providers in this critical industry. Most of our members are independent, multi-generational family-owned businesses. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, LAT staff engages its volunteer membership in advancing public policy at the state and federal level, educational and networking opportunities, and in developing the next generation of industry leaders. LAT also hosts an annual convention and expo, the largest gathering of CEOs/Principals of Texas’ building material industry. LAT’s mission is to create unity, strength, and a spirit of cooperation among building material suppliers to advance the industry. To learn more about us visit [lat.org](http://lat.org).

#### **About UFP Industries**

UFP Industries is a holding company whose operating subsidiaries – UFP Industrial, UFP Construction and UFP Retail Solutions – manufacture, distribute and sell a wide variety of products used in residential and commercial construction, packaging and industrial applications. Founded in 1955, the company has operations in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

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