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Tree Care Industry Association and ArborTech Host Congressman Chris Pappas and Industry Leaders for a Comprehensive Site Visit and Roundtable

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(Gilford, NH) - The Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) and ArborTech "Tree Removal Experts" facilitated a unique opportunity for Congressman Chris Pappas to engage in a comprehensive site visit showcasing the importance and intricacies of the tree care industry.

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During the visit, Congressman Pappas, along with staff from the offices of Congresswoman Kuster (NH-2), Congresswoman Pingree (ME-1), Senator Shaheen (D-NH), and Senator Hassan (D-NH), delved into the significant strides the industry has made to foster safer work environments and understand the numerous challenges facing tree care businesses. Amy Bassett, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's New Hampshire district office, and Louis Luchini, Region 1 Advocate for the Office of Advocacy in the U.S. Small Business Administration, also enriched the event with their presence.

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ArborTech offered a detailed tour of their facility, emphasizing the importance of safety measures and protocols in the industry. Followed by live demonstrations, the event provided participants with a clear understanding of the skills, dedication, and commitment required in arboriculture operations.

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Lucas Tree Experts
Portland, Maine

This event also served as a valuable platform for an open dialogue about industry challenges. Emphasis was placed on the need for a distinct OSHA safety standard for the tree care industry. The roundtable saw active participation from industry leaders discussing various topics, from custom blends to workforce challenges and immigration reform.

Austin Bonnema
Vermeer Mountain West
Salt Lake City, Utah

Amy Burkett
Burkett Arbor Care, LLC
Boerne, Texas

"It was an invaluable experience to have Congressman Chris Pappas and other key officials join us for this event. By walking them through our processes and discussing industry challenges, we hope to foster a greater understanding and appreciation for our profession," commented Dave White, President & CEO of TCIA.

Jim Houston
The Davey Tree Expert Co.
Kent, Ohio

Tad Jacobs, CTSP, QCL
Treemasters
San Rafael, California

Courtney Kelly, owner of ArborTech, added, "It's essential for our elected officials to witness firsthand the intricate work and dedication that goes into tree care. Today's visit was not just about showcasing our industry but also emphasizing the collaboration, safety, and passion that drives us every day."

Jennifer McPhee
Harrison McPhee, Inc.
Millis, Massachusetts

Josh Morin
We Love Trees
Niwot, Colorado

Attendees representing the tree care industry included TCIA Board Member and Lucas Tree Expert Co, Inc. CEO Art Batson III, Asplundh's Peter Powers and David Chapman, Vermeer Corporation's Brandon Nelson, Steven Talsma, Chuck Moninski, Chris Campbell, and Cody Labriolam, Accurate Tree Service's David Burl and Karen Moulton, Belknap Landscape Company LLC's Mark Smith, Girard Tree Service's Chris Girard, NH Electric Co-op's John Geronaitis, Seacoast Tree Care LLC's Dan Mello, and Technical Tree Service LLC's Michael Euliano.

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For more information on TCIA, please visit <https://treecareindustryassociation.org/>. For further details on ArborTech, visit <https://www.arbortechnh.com/>.

About TCIA: Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA)

TCIA is a trade association of more than 1,600 commercial tree care firms and affiliated companies. Since 1938, TCIA has been working to elevate the standards of commercial and utility tree care. TCIA supports, promotes and educates our members so that they may be more successful in their activities and the environment in which we live will be significantly improved.



About ArborTech “Tree Removal Experts”

ArborTech is a team of arborists and tree care professionals dedicated to helping you with your tree service needs. We are passionate about our profession and stay abreast of the latest methods in the tree care industry. Our extensive education, hands-on training, certifications, and equipment, coupled with the camaraderie built through years of experience, have made us one of the elite tree care companies in the industry.



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