Why Building Owners and Managers support the BOMA PAC of Washington:
Because the BOMA PAC has enabled BOMA to more successfully advocate on behalf of Member interests. Just a few examples:

Since 2013 BOMA has met with over 75 state lawmakers to explain why they should defeat a bill that if passed would impose a 30,000 SF cleaning limit on the amount of space a janitorial could clean in an 8 hour shift. The average janitorial labor cost is approximately $0.85/SF. This bill which BOMA has defeated in each session would add an estimated additional $0.40/SF cost to tenants and building operation expenses.

Since 2005 BOMA has defeated several attempts to remove the sales tax exemption on janitorial services. Losing this sales tax exemption would cost building tenants and building operating budgets approximately $0.08/SF.

BOMA contributed over $50,000 to the coalition that worked with City of Seattle leaders to agree to a compromise position preventing the adoption of a $28/SF housing fee (Linkage fee). BOMA was a leader in forming the coalition’s response to the City Council’s intent to create a “linkage fee.” The “Grand Bargain” between for profit and non-profit developers, in lieu of the $28 linkage fee, included expansion of the Multifamily Tax Exemption; changes to the Real Estate Excise Tax to include its use for housing affordability; and renewal of the Housing Levy.

If BOMA can raise the PAC resources in late 2015 and early 2016 – we will meet with over 75 lawmakers and candidates again to urge their support of our positions on many key issue:

A balanced and reasonable approach to Carbon Pricing or Carbon Taxation
- Further Transportation reforms and congestion relief – state, regionally and locally
- No Capital Gains tax
- No rent control commercial or otherwise
- A balanced and fair approach to building energy data disclosure
- Building Code adoption reform
- Etc.
We turn pennies into dollars.

At a time when every item in your budget must justify its cost, BOMA Seattle/King County membership is more valuable than ever. For a membership cost of around one cent per square foot—a single penny—BOMA’s advocacy continues to save you building operating expenses of up to $1.00 per foot. That’s a potential return of nearly 10,000% on your investment.

How does BOMA do it? Advocacy. From owner and tenant representation with utilities to lobbying and legislative representation at federal, state, and local levels, BOMA is constantly working to reduce the unnecessary taxes, costs, and regulations that make it hard for you to do business. Why do we do it? Simply put, because it’s why we’re here—to help owners, real estate professionals, and service providers in Seattle, Bellevue, and throughout King County keep and grow the value of their real estate investments.

Any one of these savings already exceeds the cost of a membership, but that’s just the beginning when you join BOMA Seattle/King County. We combine our unrivaled advocacy with the best industry networking and educational resources in the region, and the professionals who manage your assets will have access to the latest information and best practices on everything from building codes and safety to security and sustainability.

Put your pennies to better use.

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