



Indiana Manufacturers Association 2022 Legislative Priorities

★★★ Environmental/Energy Issues ★★★

The Indiana Manufacturers Association supports reducing health care costs for employers so they can raise wages, expand benefits, and increase investment in Indiana.

Reuse and Recycling – Reforming Solid Waste Rules in Indiana to Support Industrial Recycling Initiatives

Indiana manufacturers are finding ways to support industrial recycling and reuse of materials to offset costs, weather supply chain disruptions, produce more materials, and reach sustainability goals. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the 2018 definition of Solid Waste Rule that creates a new definition of legitimate recycling and provides for three solid waste exclusions that promote expanded industrial recycling efforts. 14 states, many manufacturing intensive states, have fully adopted this federal rule. However, not only has Indiana not adopted this rule fully, but the rule has been stuck in the rulemaking process for three years with no movement. As the most manufacturing intensive state in the country, regulatory burdens that impede manufacturers from producing materials is unacceptable. Indiana needs to adopt the federal 2018 Definition of Solid Waste Rule and promote industrial recycling.

Electric Vehicles (EV)

Indiana is working to become a leader in the electric vehicle space. During the last legislative session, the Electric Vehicle Product Commission was created to support the workforce and education needed to grow the EV sector. This past summer, Indiana became member of a new five-state regional networking promoting EV infrastructure, in hopes to add more EV manufacturing across the state. With a heavy automobile manufacturing economy, it is necessary for Indiana to support innovation, investment, and infrastructure that is vital to supporting and maintaining the Indiana's auto industry.

Commercial Solar and Wind Development

As the most manufacturing-intensive state in the country, energy prices are of utmost importance to Indiana industry. As Indiana positions itself to grow the renewable energy sector, it is important to keep in mind that energy prices are manufacturers largest expense, and they count on reliable energy and grid capacity to maintain operations. With commercial and solar wind development, manufacturers want to ensure there is a reliable transition energy source that keep prices affordable. Indiana must support the renewable energy transition and position itself as a leader in the energy sector.