

MINNESOTA MANUFACTURERS COALITION

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2019 Legislative Priorities

CONTINUE TO BUILD THE WORKFORCE PIPELINE

Attracting and retaining skilled talent is top priority for manufacturers.

- Allow greater funding flexibility to leverage technical education and employer led programs.
- Promote and strengthen school choice and dual credit programs.
- Build on the success of the Youth Skills Training program.
- Work to accelerate private sector solutions to help Minnesota employers attract and retain the skilled workers needed to compete.

WORKPLACE MANDATES

Preserve private sector flexibility on wage, benefit and scheduling decisions.

- Oppose “one size fits all” state and local government workplace Mandates.

MEANINGFUL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF

Encourage investment, innovation and growth for manufacturers who employ Minnesotans by passing a conformity bill and reducing uncompetitive taxes for Minnesota manufacturers.

- Reduce one of the highest in the nation income-tax burdens by reducing the rate on “pass-thru” companies.
- Federal conformity Section 179.
- Conform the estate tax to the federal threshold.
- Enhance the research and development tax credit to encourage innovation.
- Protect business property tax relief.

HEALTH CARE: CONTROL COSTS, ENSURE QUALITY

Ensure access to quality, affordable health care in the commercial market by reducing health care taxes and mandates; expanding product and coverage options for employers and individuals; increasing market competition and stability; encouraging outcome-based payment and delivery reform; and improving consumer engagement and transparency of cost and quality.

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

Continue to invest in transportation and transit to ensure manufacturers can move both product and people throughout the state.

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Support a certain and predictable permitting process and regulatory environment.

