



ADVOCACY AGENDA

Workforce Development

Congress should pass legislation to fund career and technical education programs that provide a strong education pathway towards careers in manufacturing. The bi-partisan **H.R. 2353 (Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act)** passed unanimously out of the House Committee on Education & Workforce last month; **industry urges a "yes" full House vote.** A similar vote passed the House last Congress by a vote of 405-5, but stalled in the Senate. **Industry urges the Senate to advance companion legislation this year to achieve funding of the Perkins Act in 2017.**

Tax Reform

Congress should pass comprehensive tax reform this year that includes: a **maximum corporate tax rate** of 15 percent; **full expensing** for capital equipment; enhanced and permanent **research & development** tax incentives, **parallel tax treatment** for non-corporate pass-through businesses, and **full repeal of the estate tax.** Multiple plans have been released and **industry will continue engaging to promote the enactment of pro-growth, pro-manufacturing tax reform.**

Smarter Regulation

Congress should pass legislation addressing key aspects of regulatory reform, including cost/benefit analysis, sound science and transparency in the rulemaking process. Industry supports the **"Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017 (S. 951/H.R. 45). Co-sponsorship and a House/Senate floor vote is urged on this bill.** Industry also supports the **SCRUB Act (H.R. 998); companion legislation in the Senate is encouraged.**

Postal Reform

Congress should pass financial modernization legislation to ensure the future viability of the US Postal Service and the mailing economy. **Industry urges committee leadership to speed approval of H.R. 756 so that the full House can vote on this bipartisan-supported bill.** Industry also **urges the Senate to prioritize passage of legislation to address financial modernization of the USPS.**

Health Care Reform

Congress should address repeal of the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) and the allowance of Small Business Health Plans in any final reform or replacement of the Affordable Health Care Act. The House repealed the HIT in its recently passed legislation; **industry urges inclusion of language repealing the HIT in any final Senate version of health care reform.** Additionally, the House has passed the Small Business Health Fairness Act (H.R. 1101). **Industry urges Senators to also include a provision allowing the creation of Small Business Health Plans in its health care reform package.**

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