

Metals Service Center Institute Policy Agenda

The Metals Service Center Institute's government affairs efforts focus on legislation and regulation that impact the cost and competitiveness of North American manufacturing, and particularly, producers and distributors of carbon steel, stainless steel and aluminum in North America.

We support legislation, tax policies and regulations that lower the costs of doing business and encourage free enterprise.

- ✓ We oppose the repeal of the LIFO accounting method. Repeal would create tax liabilities that could devastate service centers, producers and their customers.
- ✓ We supported the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 which extended the Bush era tax cuts and provided business with other tax reliefs.

We support free and fair trade, which means enactment and enforcement of trade laws that combat illegal subsidies, manipulated currencies and all other mercantilist policies.

- ✓ We support legislation that would provide relief for U.S. manufacturers impacted by currency manipulation and its export subsidy effects.

We support labor laws and policies that encourage profitability, opportunities for personal advancement, safety, and workforce development.

- ✓ We oppose the card check in any form. In addition to its elimination of the secret ballot in union elections, we oppose these other provisions:
 - Binding arbitration,
 - Limits on corporate communication efforts during organizing campaigns,
 - Any form of a "quick election", and
 - Increased penalties for corporations without increased fines for similar union activities.
- ✓ We oppose the imposition of these provisions by National Labor Relations Board rule making.

We support energy policies that protect our environment, create reliable domestic energy supplies and work to ensure that North American manufacturers don't leave for countries with limited or no regulations.

- ✓ We support regulations that would lead to a cleaner environment that are multiparty and commonly adopted by the entire world community.
- ✓ We oppose the EPA regulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs) under the provisions of the Clean Air Act and its unilateral regulation of U.S. industry.

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