

***Your Industry Voice and Resource
in Washington, D.C.***

The NTMA Government Affairs Department is responsible for presenting the opinions and viewpoints of the tooling and machining industry before the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the various federal agencies located in the nation's capital.

On behalf of our membership, NTMA is FOR legislation that promotes business and stimulates economic growth. We are AGAINST more intrusive, costly government regulations that burden small business. NTMA maintains full-time registered lobbyists on staff who are in daily contact with Capitol Hill to ensure that these positions are heard and supported.

- NTMA serves as the center of knowledge on government activities affecting the tooling and machining industry. We dispense valuable information to our membership on a monthly basis through the NTMA web site, and the Congressional Action Alert Program. Individual shop owners may contact the Government Affairs Office by telephone, fax or e-mail on any topic of concern relating to federal rules and regulations or congressional legislation. There is no charge for this service.
- NTMA has an excellent track record representing small business interests Department of Labor, OSHA, the IRS and the Small Business Administration. In addition, several important bills have been introduced in Congress on behalf of the tooling and machining industry at the behest of the NTMA. All these efforts have a direct affect on the ability of shop owners to operate in a more efficient and financially secure environment.

Every year, Congress debates legislation and federal agencies consider new regulations that could make it more difficult and costly for you to operate your business. NTMA plays hard defense in stopping many harmful regulations from ever taking effect. We also take

a pro-active, hard offensive stance while working alone or with other organizations or coalitions to achieve positive results in the passage of legislation beneficial to the small shop owner.

NTMA Speaks on the Issues

- ***Skilled Workforce Enhancement Act***
NTMA promoted a bill to obtain tax credits to shop owners who provide on-site apprentice training.
- ***Estate Tax Elimination***
NTMA is actively lobbying for the complete elimination of the estate tax.
- ***ISO 9000 Certification***
NTMA is demanding that the IRS allow cost incurred for certification be expensed and not capitalized.
- ***Tax Reform***
NTMA is working with Congress to force the IRS to allow small companies to pay taxes on income when it is actually received; and to allow small business to use the cash method of accounting without limitation.
- ***OSHA and EPA Reform***
NTMA is building coalitions to work with Congress to change the current role of these agencies from arrogant policemen to valuable and friendly business resources.
- ***100% Deduction for Health Insurance Costs***
NTMA is working to give small businesses equality with larger companies.
- ***Total Repeal of the 0.2% Federal Unemployment Payroll Surtax (FUTA)***
NTMA provided testimony to Congress to support the repeal of this unnecessary tax.
- ***Metalworking Fluids***
NTMA was appointed by the Secretary of Labor to represent small business on this issue. NTMA voted against OSHA's proposal to lower by 90% the present Permissible Exposure Level to metalworking fluids.

The Industry's Role in the U.S. Economy

We Do Have an Edge

The U.S. Tooling and machining industry employs more advanced technologies than our overseas competition. Many U.S. firms are in the process of modernizing and automating their processes. Modernization is one key way we can overcome lower labor prices in other countries. Manufacturers worldwide are under tremendous pressure to increase their efficiencies. This means shortening the time from concept to manufacture.

To be competitive our industry must integrate with our customers throughout the tooling process. Technology now allows us to establish new types of collaboration with our customers that enable us to be more flexible and responsive. Electronic links enable customers and industry shops to much more closely and efficiently. This enables the U.S. industry to meet customer demands, and build stronger ties and working relationships.

