



Indiana Manufacturers Association
Indiana's Leading Voice for Industry

MEDIA RELEASE

One American Square, Suite 2400, Box 82012, Indianapolis, IN 46282
Phone: (317) 632-2474 or (800) 462-7762 Fax (317) 231-2320
Contact Charlene Hickey at the above numbers or at chickey@imaweb.com

For immediate release June 21, 2007

Indiana Manufacturers Association Urges Senators Lugar and Bayh to Support Amendment to Create Tough but Achievable CAFE Standards

Indianapolis, IN - The Energy Bill, H.R. 6, is being debated this week on the floor of the U.S. Senate. The bill, as it currently stands, calls for unrealistic and onerous increases in Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. A compromise amendment has been introduced this week by Senators Pryor, Bond, Levin and Voinovich. The amendment takes a fair and balanced approach to the problems of global climate change and dependence on foreign oil. In addition to setting tough but achievable CAFE increases, the new language requires auto manufacturers, by 2015, to produce and sell 50 percent advanced technology vehicles, such as hybrids, flex fuel and hydrogen-powered autos. The amendment also increases research and development funding for cellulosic ethanol and biofuels, and eliminates anti-competitive barriers which currently limit the ability of service stations to sell biofuels.

“We are proud to support this new, more comprehensive and balanced approach to the 21st Century problem of energy dependence,” said Pat Kiely, President of the Indiana Manufacturers Association. “We recognize the importance of this issue, and we think the Pryor-Bond-Levin-Voinovich amendment achieves balance while considering practicality and consumer demand.”

Formed in 1901, the Indiana Manufacturers Association performs essential services for manufacturers - both large and small. The goal of the IMA has always been to preserve a favorable business climate for manufacturing throughout the state. Indiana continues to be one of America's leading industrial states.

Additional information and energy bill updates will be posted on the website, www.drivingamericasfuture.com, a coalition of supporting groups of which the IMA is a member.

Local Media Contact: Patrick Bennett 800-462-7762 or pbennett@IMAweb.com.