



Indiana Manufacturers Association

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Legislative Action Call

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NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY ACTION NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!

TELL LEGISLATORS TO PASS SENATE VERSION OF HB 1004

In 2003, you WILL PAY property taxes under a new personal property tax regulation signed into law by the Governor on December 27, 2001.

The only way to avoid the horrors of that new regulation is if the legislature changes the law in the next nine days.

The Indiana Senate has passed a tax restructuring bill, House Bill 1004, which dramatically changes Indiana's tax structure. HB 1004 is now going to a conference committee comprised of House and Senate members who will decide if the bill passes and in what form. It will have a dramatic effect on you. HB 1004, as passed by the Senate, moves tax policy away from taxing assets to a broadly spread set of taxes at low rates.

You have an opportunity to act in your own interest right now, but the window of opportunity is very short. The bill that passed the Senate is the very best you are ever going to get as a manufacturer in Indiana.

No one else is watching out for your interests. Every other business group is taking a position to protect someone other than manufacturers. Broad-based business groups do not have your interests as their sole concern. In fact, they are currently attempting to water down the Senate version in order to protect other business segments to the detriment of the manufacturing community. Those who have

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gained from your payment of a disproportionate share of the tax burden in Indiana are trying to kill House Bill 1004.

We have worked with the fiscal leaders of the Senate and continue to try to work with all legislators and the administration to protect manufacturers. The Indiana Manufacturers Association is the only organization that is currently fighting solely for your interests.

We don't often ask that you make a huge effort to contact your legislator, but now is the time!

Here is the difference between the status quo – UNDER WHICH YOU WILL PAY IN THE FUTURE – and what House bill 1004 would provide.

<p>IF HB 1004 FAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New personal property tax regulations will go into effect increasing the tax cost of industrial investment by \$120 million per year. • Under these rules, first year tax cost of new investment increases by over 100 percent. • The “shelter allowance” in the new real property tax manual goes into effect and shifts \$220 million in property taxes from residential property to nonresidential property. • The opportunity will be lost to ever again have as pro-manufacturing investment a bill as HB 1004 considered! 	<p>IF HB 1004 PASSES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For manufacturers, real property taxes will go down by about 50 percent, and personal property taxes will be reduced by effectively 80 to 85 percent. • New taxes will be introduced to pay for property Tax reductions. Those taxes, however, will be low-rate, broadly based taxes that fund government in a more equitable manner. • State and local spending caps will be put in place that will limit the need for tax increases in the future.
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Take Action NOW!!!

1. Go to the IMA Web site at www.imaweb.com
 2. Click on the IMA Grassroots Action Center to communicate with your legislators.
- * Additional information is available on the IMA Web site, or contact the IMA staff at 800-462-7762.