

Why You Should Get Involved in Advocacy

The active involvement of member companies in the association's advocacy efforts is key to the industry's long-term success. **Join us** as we advocate for pro-manufacturing policies that move the equipment manufacturing industry forward and drive growth for our member companies.

Why Your Voice Matters

Equipment manufacturers support **2.8 million jobs** and contribute **\$288 billion a year** to the U.S. economy. However, while a combine harvester cutting corn or an excavator digging a trench is a common sight for many Americans and our nation's elected officials, they may not realize what that equipment means to the hard working men and women who build it, and the impact the equipment manufacturing industry has on communities across America. That is why elected officials need to hear directly from you to understand our industry's contributions to communities across the country and its role in keeping our nation strong.

How Advocacy Helps You

Our volunteer leaders are the backbone of our advocacy efforts, and AEM's success in advancing the industry's policy priorities at the state and federal level is due in no small part to their active involvement. All member companies are welcome to get involved in advocacy, regardless of skill set, experience level, or role at their company. Help us advance pro-manufacturing policies and make a difference for your company and your community by getting involved in our advocacy efforts today.

How to Get Involved

Here are just a few ways your company can get involved:

AEM Washington Fly-in

Each year, the AEM Washington Fly-In provides the equipment manufacturing industry with the opportunity to speak with one voice and help advocate for the industry. Our member company representatives are our best advocates because they know how decisions made in Washington impact what happens on the factory floor. Bringing together a diverse and strong group of volunteer advocates in Washington significantly increases the reach and impact of our industry on Capitol Hill. Each year, three dozen member company executives travel to our nation's capital to meet with more than 50 elected officials.

AEM Washington Fly-In: Virtual
March 11, 2021

AEM Washington Fly-In: In-person
September 20-21, 2021

Connect With Your Elected Officials

The AEM Advocacy Team connects member company representatives with their elected officials throughout the year. This includes phone calls, virtual meetings, Capitol Hill visits, and/or in district or state meetings.

Facility Tours

Interested in having an elected official visit your manufacturing facility? The AEM Advocacy Team coordinates visits by local, state, and federal officials to our member companies' facilities throughout the year. These are great opportunities to educate your elected officials about your company, your contributions to the state and local economy, and the policies needed for you to continue to invest and grow your business and create more family-sustaining jobs.