April 14, 2020

As equipment manufacturers begin to settle into their new normal, AEM's Advocacy Team continues to work around the clock to bring you the latest updates, information, and resources from Washington and Ottawa as well as state and provincial governments.

AEM President Dennis Slater recently spoke with Agri-Pulse’s Jeff Nalley for their Open Mic segment. Dennis shared how the association is helping member companies navigate challenges affecting every aspect of their businesses, how the industry is coming together to support each other, and what the association is planning for the 2020 election.

We're looking forward to tonight’s (8:00 pm ET) Congress Comes to You. This first-ever virtual event, hosted by AEM and No Labels, will bring members of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus into your living room for an engaging conversation about how we can all work together to respond to the COVID-19 health crisis and get Americans back to work. It is not too late to RSVP.

Following up on our call for a comprehensive national strategy for manufacturing, AEM staff is working to build support for the idea in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The effort also includes calls by CEOs of equipment manufacturing companies to their lawmakers. We will share more details on these efforts in the days ahead.

TONIGHT: AEM and No Labels Present: Congress Comes to You Virtual Event

AEM and No Labels are pleased to offer our member companies an exclusive invitation to a virtual event this evening at 8 pm ET. The event, Congress Comes to You, which will be hosted through ZOOM, will bring solutions-oriented Democrats AND Republicans from the Problem Solvers Caucus right into your living room for an engaging conversation about how to stop this virus, save lives, and get Americans back to work.

The lawmakers participating in tonight’s virtual event include:

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These lawmakers understand the need for bipartisanship as Congress works to help equipment manufacturers and the U.S. economy recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and AEM staff is working closely with all of them to develop and advance specific policy solutions. Please sign up to participate in this first-of-its-kind virtual event.
Check 1,2,3: AEM’s Dennis Slater Joins “Open Mic”

AEM President Dennis Slater joined Agri-Pulse’s Open Mic this week. From AEM’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how the unfolding crisis is impacting equipment manufacturers across the country to AEM’s “2020 Manufacturing Express” and various election-related activities, Dennis talked about what the association is doing to help its member companies navigate this unprecedented crisis while also getting ready for the 2020 election.

NEW: A Brief on AEM’s National Manufacturing Strategy

Last week, AEM called on the federal government to develop and implement a comprehensive national strategy for manufacturing to strengthen the economy, create new jobs and opportunities, and ensure the United States is the best place in the world for equipment manufacturers to innovate, manufacture, and do business. Today we are sharing a helpful 1-page brief on the initiative, and we are encouraging you to share this with your colleagues, stakeholders, and lawmakers and encourage them to support it.

State Activities

AEM has been monitoring activities taken by Governors as they continue to issue closure orders and other guidance, and we are in close contact with their staff to make the case that our industry should be deemed “essential.”

Notable for today’s update is that the Governors of Maryland, South Carolina, and Tennessee have extended the duration of the previous stay at home order, the Governor of Alabama announced the creation of a task force to develop a plan to reopen the states businesses. The Governor of Texas issued new business travel protocols for all essential businesses.

The map below summarizes each state’s status. For all of the latest information, please visit our dedicated state by state tracker.

*Map as of April 14*
Many states have implemented initiatives that halt various economic activities

Business-related state mitigation strategies

AS OF APRIL 8, 2020

- Stay-at-home orders/advisories
- Closed bars and/or restaurants
- Closed non-essential businesses

Canada Activities
The federal government today announced a new range of measures to support the governments, businesses, and people in the three territories. The government continues to work on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program to roll it out in the coming weeks after its passage Saturday.

Ontario has extended its emergency measures until April 23, as it rolled out some new measures in response to the outbreak.

Saskatchewan has announced a range of measures in support of the province’s oil and gas sector, including aligning their regulations with the federal and Alberta governments.

We continue to update our resources on Canadian activities on AEM’s COVID-19 resources page. You can also click here for the latest updates from Ottawa and all the provinces.

Do you have questions or need to get a hold of AEM’s Advocacy Team? E-mail our Response Team at responseteam@aem.org with any questions or feedback.

As always, if you have any questions about AEM’s ongoing efforts, need assistance with a specific issue, or would like to share how the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic is impacting your business, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at keideberg@aem.org.

Best,
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