April 15, 2020

Last evening, AEM and No Labels provided member companies with the opportunity to join 10 members of the Problem Solvers Caucus for the first in a series of virtual events. Lawmakers discussed their various efforts and emphasized the need for greater bipartisanship as they look for ways to support businesses and reopen the country. The next virtual event is scheduled for April 29. Please save the date! We will share more details and information on how to RSVP soon.

Following AEM’s lead, two think tanks have called on the Trump administration and Congress to come out of the COVID-19 pandemic with a new national industrial policy to promote U.S. manufacturing. In a statement posted to their website, the Economic Policy Institute said: “If ever there was a time for U.S. policymakers to implement a manufacturing policy across industrial sectors that will protect the public (including workers) and our nation’s economy and security from vulnerable supply chains, it is now.” The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, in a lengthy brief, said that “America needs a robust industrial strategy.”

POLITICO first reported on how AEM’s leadership on a national manufacturing strategy is gaining momentum in the business community and on Capitol Hill.

Here are some of the other recent developments:

**CARES Act Visualization**
Last month, Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As part of our growing library of resources, we have created this graphic to help you better understand the breakdown of the financial relief included in the legislation.
International Economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic
AEM has put together an overview of the economic measures implemented by select countries to combat the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes comparing emergency economic policies implemented by various countries and GDP growth predictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage you to review the slide deck.

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 Governor of California announced the indicators needed before reopening the state and the Governor of New York issued a new rule for all residents.
The map below summarizes each state’s status. For all of the latest information, please visit our dedicated state by state tracker.
Canada Activities
Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the government will be expanding access to the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and will work with the provinces to increase supports for essential workers. The Prime Minister also signalled that there will be announcements in the coming days regarding greater supports for post-secondary students and commercial rent.

Alberta has announced a range of measures, including implementing off-highway vehicle (OHV) restrictions, to prepare for the upcoming wildfire season during COVID-19. Use of OHVs on private lands, for industrial use (for example forestry, agriculture and energy), and by emergency responders will remain permitted.

Ontario has extended the Declaration of Emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for a further 28 days, until May 12.

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,
-Kip

Kip Eideberg
Senior Vice President, Government & Industry Relations
Association of Equipment Manufacturers