

CMA Weekly Update



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The pandemic has reminded us of the importance of human connection. That is why we are so excited to launch registration for the [CMA Summer Leadership Conference](#) taking place August 4-6 at the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, CO. So many of you have shared your enthusiasm to reconnect in person this summer. We are pleased to provide a forum for our members to connect safely and get back to some of the things that we have missed most-- learning from our peers and building relationships surrounded by an inspiring backdrop.

Key Issues

More States Opt Out of Enhanced Unemployment Benefits As the unemployment rate continues to hold steady [above 6%](#), more [states are looking to end](#) their participation in the *Federal* Government's Pandemic [Supplemental Unemployment Compensation](#). Also this week, the White House clarified unemployment eligibility, [reiterating](#) that workers cannot turn down suitable work and remain eligible. From a workforce perspective, the manufacturing skills gap in the U.S. could result in 2.1 million unfilled jobs by 2030, according to [a new study](#) by Deloitte and The Manufacturing Institute, the nonprofit workforce development and education partner of the National Association of Manufacturers. The cost of those missing jobs could potentially total \$1 trillion in 2030 alone. Our Manufacturing State Affairs Program (MSAP) is tracking this issue. [Let us know](#) if you would like to receive updates.

Updated Mask Guidance Released The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [announced](#) last week that fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing in most places, but gave businesses and workplaces significant latitude to enact their own rules for customers and employees. The NAM is tracking this issue closely, given the many questions about the continuation of mask mandates and social distancing in the workplace, and as the administration continues to review the issuance of a potential Emergency Temporary Standard. You can click [here](#) to find and order our yellow and red ribbon pins—one solution many companies are already using to help show who has been armed against COVID-19 and to help encourage others to get their vaccination.

House Republicans Release Infrastructure Plan As talk of a major infrastructure bill progresses, the latest entry comes via House Republicans, who offered a \$400 billion plan only focused on surface transportation programs. Meanwhile, the Biden administration hosted Senate Republicans this week led by Sen. Shelley Moore Capito

(R-WV) to discuss a larger proposal spearheaded by the Senate GOP. Pay-fors remain important, and while Republicans haven't put forth specific funding proposals, they have mildly signaled some support for increasing IRS funding for tax enforcement and collections.

- **Stay Tuned:** The NAM is finalizing a toolkit to help manufacturers take action to support robust infrastructure investments without jeopardizing our industry's competitiveness. We will share more in the coming weeks.

PRO Act Update The number of Senate cosponsors of the PRO Act remains at 47 – no new Senators have officially supported the bill since our last update. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has said the PRO Act will get a vote in the Senate if it reaches 50 cosponsors. Only three Democratic senators haven't signed on to the bill and can still prevent a Senate vote from happening: Sens. Mark Warner (VA), Mark Kelly (AZ) and Kyrsten Sinema (AZ). But if those three senators sign on, the Senate could possibly pass the PRO Act with just 50 votes. Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) recently said that he supports the "vast majority" of the PRO Act. The NAM remains staunchly opposed to the entire PRO Act and is working to defeat this bill, not improve it. See new tools from the NAM in the Advocacy section of this update.

Advocacy Opportunities

Tell Your Vaccine Story The NAM and Manufacturing Institute's This Is Our Shot project continues to grow. We now have a tool for your employees or your members to submit a video explaining why they got vaccinated. We will use these real-life stories and messages to help change minds and reinforce the message that getting vaccinated is how we protect our loved ones and end this pandemic. You can tap into all of the resources available at nam.org/thisisourshot.

New Pro Act Infographic Please see the NAM's new [infographic](#) on the PRO Act: *Time Is Running Out: Stop the PRO Act's Forced Unionization*. You can encourage your members to contact their Senators to oppose the PRO Act using our contact Congress tool [here](#).

[Let us know](#) if we can provide you with additional resources to engage your members.

CMA Member Highlights

- This week the NAM's Manufacturing Leadership Council's Leadership Awards [honored](#) the 2021 winners. In a change from tradition, the Manufacturing Leader of the Year award, usually given to an individual operations executive, was bestowed on the medical supply, biomedical and pharmaceutical manufacturing sectors for their efforts in pandemic response and vaccine production. **AdvaMed, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)** were recognized on behalf of the industry. PhRMA President and CEO Stephen Ubl was in attendance to accept the award on behalf of PhRMA members.

The NAM provides this weekly update with key content for our association partners. This is also a platform to highlight work of our CMA partners. [Shoot us a note](#) on any initiatives or messages that your organization has launched that we can share with others.