

Key Manufacturing Votes/NAM Award

When issues affecting manufacturers make their way through the legislative process, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) will notify members of Congress prior to floor action – via Key Manufacturing Vote e-mails to each Hill office – of our interest and position on the legislation. The votes are posted at www.nam.org/votes and made available to our membership. Key Manufacturing Vote letters sent to Congress during the 112th Congress will be made available at www.nam.org/keyvotes.

- All Key Manufacturing Votes are selected by the NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee (KVAC), a group consisting of 15 manufacturing executives, evenly divided between small and large companies, along with one member of the manufacturing association community.
- Votes are chosen only if the NAM's position has been clearly communicated to Congress in advance of the vote.
- A preliminary rating is calculated at the end of the first session of each Congress. This rating is communicated directly to members of Congress as an early indication of their record of support of (or opposition to) the NAM's pro-growth agenda.
- A final NAM vote rating based on legislators' scores on Key Manufacturing Votes is published at the end of each Congress in the *NAM Voting Record*.

NAM Award: At the end of each Congress, eligible members of Congress whose records reflect percentages of 70 or higher in support of the NAM position on Key Votes will receive the *NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence*.

NAM member companies will bestow the *NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence* to recipients in special events and celebrations in their home districts immediately following the close of the 112th Congress.

Vote Selection Criteria

1. Votes must be on issues on which the NAM took clear positions and either: a) expressed this position in Key Vote communications to Congress prior to the vote; or b) communicated its position with regularity in the recent past.
2. Votes must be made on the Senate or House floor. Committee, subcommittee and conference committee votes will not be considered.
3. Votes should be substantive. Procedural votes may be used where the procedural vote is deemed a true measure of support for or opposition to the bill.
4. Votes may be on final passage or on key amendments.
5. Votes must be recorded and not voice votes.

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