

Making Manufacturing a Priority: More Growth, More Jobs, More Economic Power.

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Benefit to Our State

- A stronger state economy that is based on a wealth-producing industry. Today, manufacturing contributes \$28.7 billion to the state's economy, just over 5 percent of the state's gross domestic product. We need to increase that significantly to strengthen our future State's economy.
- Every dollar spent on manufacturing produces \$2.64 in economic activity, according to the National Association of Manufacturers.
- Drives innovation across industries. Maryland is a top state in R&D but lags behind other states in manufacturing.
- 4.1% of Maryland's workforce is in manufacturing. Nationally, the figure is 8.4%. Room for growth!
- Average annual manufacturing salaries can reach six figures, offering pathways to higher-salaried positions.
- Four-year colleges and universities, as well as community colleges, invest in manufacturing and technology through R&D, customized training and educational programs.

Benefit to Manufacturers

- A stronger voice in Annapolis to protect what they have and provide what they need.
- Increase in profitability, productivity and sustainability
- More competitive with other states that are currently recruiting our companies to move.
- Increase in the adoption of new technology. Manufacturing is an early adopter of high technology.
- Attract better-qualified workers seeking stable work, good wages and benefits.
- Improved image of manufacturing as a high-tech industry.

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