



2023 NATIONAL POLICY AGENDA





ABOUT WDMA

Founded in 1927, the Window & Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA) is the premier trade association representing the leading manufacturers of residential and commercial window, door and skylight products for the domestic and export markets. WDMA members are focused on Total Product Performance™ products that are designed and built to performance-based standards. Member companies manufacture and supply sashes, frames, window units, skylights, flush doors, stile and rail doors, and sliding patio door units for residential, commercial and institutional markets, selling to distributors, dealers, builders, remodelers, architects, contractors and other specifiers. WDMA's member manufacturers are leading America's efforts to develop and utilize energy-efficient windows, doors and skylights for both new and replacement construction.

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DEAR POLICYMAKERS:

As you work on crafting solutions that promote economic growth and stability in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA) presents a policy framework that addresses the numerous challenges confronting American manufacturers in the housing and construction industries. WDMA is the premier trade organization representing the window, door and skylight industry. Our 2023 National Policy Agenda identifies priorities and offers solutions that will strengthen the U.S. economy, improve the national supply chain, address nationwide labor shortages, and bolster America's housing industry.

Over the last year, WDMA worked with Congress and the Administration to develop sensible and effective policies on issues ranging from housing, energy and trade policy to workforce development and safety. As an essential part of the national supply chain for building and residential construction, WDMA is focused on addressing economic challenges through federal action that supports American manufacturers with pro-growth policies and competitive regulatory conditions.

With the country emerging from a global pandemic, it is critical that the federal government pursue policy proposals that create the conditions conducive to sustainable economic growth and opportunity. Critical labor and talent shortages plague every industry. Manufacturing, housing and construction are no exception. A strategic and focused immigration policy is critical to addressing the labor shortage and demographic challenges our nation faces. A comprehensive approach to immigration should provide this country with a global competitive advantage and is essential to addressing our immediate and longer term workforce dynamic. It will keep U.S. manufacturers competitive with the rest of the world by expanding the domestic workforce and adding new consumers to the economy.

Home ownership remains the cornerstone of the American dream, but our nation is facing an affordable housing crisis that is mounting under fears of a looming economic recession, rising interest rates,

and record inflationary pressure. Congress and the White House should prioritize issues which impact housing affordability to ensure that hard-working Americans have a practical path to home ownership. Furthermore, disruptions to the national supply chain and volatility in building material prices are creating uncertainty for manufacturers across the country. We urge the federal government to work with stakeholders to address the supply chain challenges and labor shortages that continue to adversely impact the U.S. economy and housing markets.

Congress and the Administration should advance policies that promote affordable, accessible and energy-efficient windows, doors and skylights as a powerful tool to reduce carbon emissions and spur job creation. We estimate there are nearly one billion single-pane, energy-inefficient windows in existing housing stock in need of replacement. A national energy policy that includes energy efficiency targets should capture the gains that would be realized by replacing those windows, as well as inefficient doors and skylights, with more efficient products. Incentives that recognize all credible green building programs can also play an important role in expanding the market for energy efficient windows, doors and skylights.

WDMA's 2023 National Policy Agenda serves as a guide and resource for policymakers to address the biggest challenges impacting manufacturers and improve the national economic climate for housing markets. We look forward to continuing our work with Congress and the White House to develop and implement meaningful policies that set in place the conditions necessary for an expanding economy, a growing workforce, a reduction in unnecessary regulatory barriers for manufacturers, and fortification of the national supply chain for the materials critical to the window, door and skylight industry.

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ENERGY CONSERVATION

WDMA's manufacturers are leaders in

the energy efficiency movement, developing innovative technologies to cost-effectively produce durable energy-efficient windows, doors and skylights for both new and replacement construction. We support policies that aim to reduce energy consumption through proven, commercially available technologies targeted to where the most cost-effective improvements can be made. For example, single pane and clear double-pane (non low-e) windows are one of the largest sources of energy consumption in a home, through heat loss in winter and unwanted heat gain in summer. Replacing our nation's nearly one billion single-pane and double-pane clear windows in existing housing stock, with readily-available higher efficiency windows, such as ENERGY STAR® certified products, should be a primary objective of remodeling projects and promoted through energy efficiency incentive programs. Durable windows, doors and skylights utilizing commercially available technologies such as those offered by WDMA manufacturer products should be selected to ensure long lasting performance.

The industry works cooperatively with government and nongovernmental entities to continuously improve building codes, standards, regulations, and programs that will advance energy efficiency of building envelopes through technologically-advanced fenestration products. As state and local governments have taken an increasingly active role in promoting energy-efficient buildings through building codes and incentive programs, the need for a balanced national energy conservation policy is clear.

1. WDMA supports a balanced national energy policy that:
 - Includes energy efficiency as a key component, recognizing the value of reducing home and commercial building energy consumption.
 - Recognizes and supports replacement of windows, doors, and skylights as a cost-effective and proven method of reducing residential and commercial building energy use.
 - Encourages the use of energy-efficient products while taking into account other important considerations such as affordability,

durability, return on investment (including life cycle assessment costs) and market availability of specified products.

- Bases energy conservation targets for new construction on sound science, and reasonably achievable and durable technologies that are cost effective, commercially available and implemented under timelines that can be realistically met by industry.
 - Encourages programs for the retrofit of windows, doors and skylights into existing homes and buildings to make them more energy-efficient based on affordable and cost-effective energy efficiency requirements.
 - Rewards product manufacturers that embrace technology in manufacturing windows, doors and skylights that are both energy efficient and durable.
 - Recognizes all of the benefits provided by energy efficient windows, doors and skylights, in addition to energy conservation, including daylighting and the unique human health and worker productivity benefits it provides, fresh air, comfort, views, and the enhanced indoor environmental quality that results.
2. WDMA supports uniform energy conservation regulation of residential and commercial buildings through the adoption and enforcement of national model energy conservation codes and standards by states and local jurisdictions that are:
 - Developed under nationally recognized accredited consensus procedures that allow for full participation by stakeholders in the development and amendment processes, such as the International Code Council's (ICC) International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and ASHRAE 90.1.
 - Based upon field-proven, commercially available and durable technologies.
 - Cost effective, affordable, material-neutral and practical.
 - Based upon regional climatic differences through a limited number of defined climatic

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zones, such as those established by the IECC, and ASHRAE's 90.1 standard and that provide requirements accordingly in a simplified format.

3. WDMA supports the promotion and use of energy efficient windows, doors and skylights in new construction and for the replacement of inefficient single pane and clear dual pane windows, doors and inefficient plastic skylights in existing housing stock.
4. WDMA supports incremental improvements to the ENERGY STAR® Residential Windows, Doors and Skylights program that are:
 - Based on sound data and analysis.
 - Cost effective, affordable and reflect commercially available technology and that provide consumers with a climate specific payback on their investment of no more than 10 years.
 - Technologically feasible and cost effective when considering life cycle costs from development, manufacture, commercialization and sale, and for manufacturers.
 - Developed under a robust and open collaborative process between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its ENERGY STAR® partners and stakeholders.
5. WDMA supports the adoption and implementation of tax credits or other forms of voluntary incentives to encourage the use of energy efficient building products. These incentives should include energy-efficient window, door and skylight products/technologies that meet reasonable performance standards.
6. WDMA supports adoption and enforcement of the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) rating and certification process as the energy rating system for all residential and commercial fenestration products and systems and supports simplified rating

and data programs, the addition of new fenestration ratings as justified, and ratings that focus on complete fenestration products and systems.

7. WDMA supports legislation, regulation and financial incentives with market-based and consensus-driven solutions to reduce emissions as we modernize public buildings through energy efficiency upgrades, including replacement windows, doors and skylights.



BUILDING CODES

Building codes and standards play a fundamental role in ensuring that public health, safety and welfare are adequately provided for in the construction and renovation of residential and commercial buildings. Nearly all jurisdictions in the U.S. regulate building construction through the adoption of nationally recognized model building codes and standards, or codes and standards consistent with them. These codes and standards address every aspect of safe building design and the materials that are used to construct them, including windows, doors and skylights, which provide essential natural light, exterior viewing, ventilation, security, energy conservation, occupant comfort, safety and protection from fire and natural hazards among other benefits. Building codes and standards that govern these components must be based on sound science, practicality, performance and material neutrality, and they must be developed under processes that adequately allow for participation of all interests and consideration of all concerns to ensure the objectives of providing for public health, safety, and welfare in the built environment are properly met.

1. WDMA supports national model building codes that:
 - Are developed and revised under nationally recognized consensus development processes open to participation by all stakeholders, such as those processes used by the International Code Council (ICC).
 - Include requirements for windows, doors and skylights that are appropriate for each product type, justified by sound data/science, can be reasonably met using current technology, and are cost effective.
 - Include requirements for windows, doors and skylights that do not discriminate against the use of any of particular types of products or do not have a bias toward specific materials.
 - Include requirements for the use of windows, doors and skylights for emergency escape and rescue openings in residential and commercial buildings.

- Incorporate requirements on the use of windows, doors and skylights for natural ventilation and daylighting that reduce energy consumption, improve indoor environmental quality, and that can provide other benefits such as increased worker productivity.
 - Reference the most current edition of the North American Fenestration Standard (NAFS) for testing and labeling requirements and impose none that are duplicative of those contained in the NAFS.
2. WDMA supports the Department of Energy's (DOE) participation in the development of national model energy codes and standards and recognizes the Agency's role as a technical advisor in it, provided that the Department's participation is fully transparent including:
 - Publication of draft DOE proposed amendments to national model energy codes and standards, as well as the analytical methodologies, justification, feasibility, and other supporting information and data for them, in the Federal Register for public review and comment prior to advancing them.
 - DOE determinations regarding the energy efficiency improvements in national model energy codes and standards are made in full accordance with the direction given the Department to do so under the Energy Conservation and Production Act (ECPA).
 - Fully supported by validated scientific studies and data.
 3. WDMA supports legislation that ensures DOE's participation in the national model energy codes and standards development processes is transparent as noted above.
 4. WDMA supports nationwide, state and local adoption and enforcement of consensus-based national model building codes that conform to WDMA building code policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

WDMA member companies are

committed to sound stewardship of our natural resources. The manufacturing sector's reliance on affordable energy sources dictate that our national energy policy include support for alternative and renewable fuels. WDMA believes environmental policies should be based on voluntary, cost-effective actions that strike a balance between protection of the environment and our domestic manufacturing competitiveness.

1. WDMA supports the use of technologically advanced fenestration products as a key component in the construction and renovation of energy-efficient and green homes and buildings. Financial incentives are an important tool to facilitate the purchase of energy-efficient products for new or existing construction and should be implemented in a way that is cost effective for the consumer.
2. WDMA supports green building codes, standards and rating systems that are developed and revised under nationally recognized consensus development processes that allow for participation by all stakeholders, and that are based on sound science, cost-effectiveness, feasible technology and are unbiased towards building materials. In addition, WDMA supports the uniform application of rating systems nationwide rather than state and local jurisdictions creating separate and differing requirements or rating systems.
3. WDMA supports the use of credible green building certification programs, codes, standards, and rating systems for federal construction projects that are developed and maintained under nationally recognized, accredited consensus development processes. WDMA opposes the designation of a single program or set of requirements for all federal building projects.
4. WDMA supports sustainable manufacturing facility policies and programs that promote continuous improvement in functional use, as evidenced by registration under ISO 14001 or equivalent standards.
5. WDMA supports promoting the use of durable and sustainable building products and technologies through state or local adoption of voluntary building incentive programs that encourage green building, such as special financing, rebates, or other financial assistance for new construction and energy efficient remodeling.
6. WDMA supports the creation of financial incentive programs that promote the retrofitting of existing homes and buildings to incorporate sustainable building materials and improved energy conservation features.
7. WDMA supports balanced, scientifically-based environmental stewardship policies with measurable and attainable goals for domestic manufacturers, without putting domestic manufacturers at a competitive disadvantage with foreign manufacturers.
8. WDMA believes EPA's Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) rules, including for boilers and surface coating of wood products, should be supported by sound research, ensure consistency across operating parameters and not be overly burdensome for manufacturers.
9. WDMA supports guidelines for performing life cycle assessments (LCAs) and for developing environmental product declarations (EPDs) for windows, doors, skylights and architectural doors that are developed through industry collaboration if such efforts are undertaken.

BUILDING SAFETY

The proper selection, installation and

use of windows, doors and skylights is essential to the safe occupancy of homes and commercial buildings. The materials used to manufacture them must also be safe. Manufacturers are subject to codes, standards and other regulations that govern fire-rated doors, fire-rated and impact-resistant glazing, emergency escape and rescue, window, and skylight opening protection and other window, door, and skylight safety-related issues. Building codes, standards and regulations that govern these issues must be based on sound science, be technologically feasible, have proven benefit and be developed under processes that adequately allow for participation of all interests. This allows consideration of all concerns of all concerns to ensure the objectives of public health, safety, and welfare in the built environment are properly met.

1. WDMA supports the inclusion of fire-rated door provisions in national model building codes and supports the use of NFPA 80: Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives.
2. WDMA supports efforts to address health related concerns in the built environment, such as potential exposure to harmful levels of lead and formaldehyde, with approaches that are based on and justified by sound data/science, provide proven benefit, are technologically feasible, and that consider cost. These approaches should also supersede individual and differing state rules.
3. WDMA supports addressing safety issues, such as window and skylight fall protection, with approaches that are based on and justified by sound data/science, are cost effective, technologically feasible and balanced with other code provisions related to window, door and skylight safety issues such as emergency escape and rescue. WDMA clearly and unequivocally supports the need for and use of windows as important secondary means of escape and rescue in an emergency, including fires.
4. WDMA opposes approaches that trade off proven life safety elements for other proposed safety measures such as trading off emergency escape and rescue openings for fire sprinklers.

5. WDMA supports unified national standards for accessibility of the built environment, based on sound technical verification, balanced by practical overall product performance requirements. WDMA supports ANSI A117.1 as the recognized standard for establishing minimum criteria for accessible construction and encourages direct adoption of the most current version of that standard or its criteria into building codes.
6. WDMA supports legislative and regulatory action by EPA on the Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule to make compliance less burdensome for contractors while maintaining protections for pregnant women and children under the age of 6 from lead exposure.
 - WDMA believes that EPA should take immediate action to address the unresolved implementation issues identified by WDMA, including the lack of a commercially available compliant lead test kit, flawed economic analyses, and misdirected enforcement.
 - WDMA believes that EPA must identify a lead hazard before proposing any expansion of the RRP rule to cover activities in public and commercial buildings.



HOUSING AND ECONOMIC POLICY

WDMA's members support a robust

housing policy that is fiscally responsible and ensures healthy housing markets. We believe government policies must continue to promote and preserve the value of homeownership. Access to financing for home purchases and new starts continues to be overly constrained. Increasing access to financing for new construction, mortgages and home renovations should be a priority. As home building and renovation activities increase, we believe there will continue to be a strong emphasis on building "green." WDMA supports voluntary consumer incentives that make ENERGY STAR® and other qualified fenestration products more affordable.

1. WDMA supports targeted federal programs that support private sector growth and affordable housing, including:
 - Programs that incentivize use of energy-efficient products in new construction and renovation.
 - Efforts to stimulate the housing industry and to spur demand for new construction and remodeling.

- Fiscally responsible and sound affordable housing programs that make the dream of home ownership available to more Americans.
2. WDMA believes any reform of federal housing programs must include a financial backstop to ensure that 30-year fixed-rate mortgages and reliable mortgage financing remain readily available and affordable.
 3. WDMA actively supports sustainable building incentives that recognize all credible green building programs (e.g., LEED, NGBS, Green Globes), that are product-neutral and that expand the market for energy efficient window, exterior door, skylight and architectural door products.
 4. WDMA supports federal regulatory reform legislation, including updates to the Administrative Procedure Act, that increases transparency in the development of federal regulations and ensures federal regulation is appropriate, cost effective, and consensus based.



TAX POLICY

America's manufacturers are often

disadvantaged by the current tax structure. WDMA supports tax reforms that level the playing field to enable our manufacturers to be more competitive and continue to provide jobs. Federal tax policy should not adversely affect manufacturers or their dealer, distributor, contractor and consumer customers. In particular, the mortgage interest deduction (MID) has been a powerful tool to incentivize homeownership, in addition to helping homeowners with property renovations. WDMA will continue to support sound fiscal policies that seek to spur consumer purchases of energy-efficient windows, doors and skylights to increase their use in new construction and retrofitting of existing homes and buildings.

1. WDMA supports tax reform policies that place manufacturers on an equal playing field with foreign competitors and equitable tax treatment of window, door and skylight manufacturers that protects their ability to provide quality jobs in the manufacturing sector.
2. WDMA supports the permanent extension of mortgage and home equity loan interest and real estate deductions that substantially encourage homeownership. WDMA opposes attempts to weaken or eliminate them as they are a cornerstone of American housing policy, which provides benefits to homeowners at all income levels and enjoys overwhelming public support. WDMA opposes any rules increasing taxability of personal residences.
3. WDMA supports maintaining the capital gains exclusion on the sale of a principal residence.
4. WDMA supports tax incentive programs that encourage the use of energy-efficient window, door, and skylight products in new construction and energy-efficient renovations that are based on NFRC-certified ratings or the latest ENERGY STAR® program requirements. WDMA supports qualifications for these tax incentive programs that are uniform and ensure qualified windows,

doors and skylights are economically accessible to homeowners of all income levels. WDMA opposes 25C tax credit product identification numbers for qualified windows, doors and skylights that are not based on NFRC Certified Product Directory numbers.

5. WDMA supports the permanent extension of increased Section 179 expensing limits, bonus depreciation and other tax incentives that enable manufacturers to more readily make new capital investments and to recognize tax benefits of those improvements in a timely manner.
6. WDMA supports preservation of the last-in, first-out (LIFO) accounting principle, the repeal of which would lead to a significant tax increase, decrease in working capital, inaccurate inventory evaluation and reduced competitiveness.
7. WDMA supports estate tax policy that protects the ability of multi-generation, family-owned manufacturers to survive into the next generation.
8. WDMA supports federal tax policy that lowers corporate income tax rates, encourages investment and makes the U.S. more globally competitive.
9. WDMA supports the current federal territorial tax system so that foreign profits, already taxed, are not subject to U.S. taxes on repatriation.
10. WDMA supports the current tax deduction for advertising expenses and opposes efforts to reduce or eliminate it.
11. WDMA supports tax policy that incentivizes research and development of sustainable window, door and skylight products that provide cost effective, durable and energy saving technologies.
12. WDMA supports and recommends strengthening the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), which provides an incentive for labor intensive industries to hire certain categories of individuals (e.g., veterans, below certain income limits, etc.).

PRODUCT SUPPLY

WDMA members rely on continued

access to raw materials from domestic and imported sources necessary for manufacturing windows, doors, skylights, and architectural door products. Trade policies should allow for the legal importation of wood and must significantly contribute to reducing illegal logging. We support responsible forest management and natural resource policy that balances environmental stewardship of natural resources with the need to maintain stable and predictable access to raw materials to ensure our continued ability to manufacture windows, doors and skylights both domestically and abroad.

1. WDMA supports responsible forest management programs, such as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and others, that balance environmental stewardship with the need to maintain stable and predictable access to raw fiber and timber products needed for the manufacture of windows and doors.

2. WDMA supports efforts to increase the availability and use of certified wood products, including SFI, FSC and others, through the US Green Building Council (USGBC)'s LEED, the National Green Building Standard (NGBS), Green Globes and other sustainable building programs.

3. WDMA supports natural resource and trade policy that ensures continued access to and sustainable use of raw materials, domestic and imported, necessary for manufacturing windows, doors, and skylights.

4. WDMA supports legislation clarifying the regulatory guidelines and enforcement rules of the Lacey Act, bringing the declaration requirement in line with its intended purpose of prohibiting the trade of products made with illegally harvested wood while reducing excessive and unnecessary costs to the regulated community.



TRADE POLICY

Trade policy that ensures the exchange

of goods remains open and fair is critical to a robust domestic manufacturing sector. WDMA member companies support policies that allow manufacturers of all sizes to compete globally and create more business and economic opportunity. In addition, many high-paying manufacturing jobs depend on exports to other countries. Domestic trade policy must allow manufacturers to access global markets, in addition to facilitating high paying quality jobs for America's workforce.

1. WDMA supports trade policies that open markets and level the playing field globally for American manufacturers.
2. WDMA supports the elimination of border barriers that hinder market access, including tariffs and non-tariff barriers, to allow for the improvement of U.S. competitiveness in North America and globally.
3. WDMA believes the federal government should consider the full impact that tariffs justified by Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 and Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 have on window, door and skylight manufacturing and the economy as a whole.
4. WDMA supports trade measures that facilitate robust commercial relationships with Canada and Mexico, regional allies that have enabled U.S. manufacturing to be more competitive globally as a result of strong ties and cooperation.
5. WDMA supports modifications to existing trade agreements that alleviate or eliminate provisions that are unfair or disadvantageous to U.S. interests.
6. WDMA supports dispute resolution mechanisms that are balanced, expedient, and transparent to ensure trade remains fair and subjects manufacturers to the least burdensome requirements.

7. WDMA supports efforts by the federal government to immediately enter negotiations to enact a new Softwood Lumber Agreement between the United States and Canada that it believes reasonably ensures a supplemental supply of lumber is accessible to domestic consumers.



WORKFORCE/WORKPLACE

Human resource policy that governs our

nation's workforce must balance the rights of workers and employers, and not unfairly restrict the ability of manufacturers to offer to negotiate freely with their employees. The health and safety of employees is the foremost concern, but when developing new regulations in this area, the overall impact and costs of compliance must also be taken into account.

1. WDMA supports the preservation of secret ballot elections as the fairest way to guarantee the rights of employees to freely choose whether or not to be represented by a union and supports the ability of employers and employees to negotiate freely, without departing from existing timelines for elections that are well-known and accepted.
2. WDMA opposes legislation that would remove workers' rights to secret ballot elections to determine union representation and any other such effort, which would institute binding mandatory arbitration, or otherwise restrict the ability of employers and employees to negotiate mutually beneficial employment terms.
3. WDMA opposes other proposals that attempt to confer a tactical advantage on organizers and that deprive the employer and its employees of the time and opportunity to get all the facts before an election is held.
4. WDMA opposes efforts to expand the instances where third party advice used by employers to inform employees about their rights to collectively bargain, would have to be disclosed.
5. WDMA supports robust programs for protecting the health and safety of workers, including safety and training requirements that are justified, provide a demonstrable safety benefit and that do not add undue cost or administrative burden to comply.
6. WDMA supports legislation guaranteeing an employer's ability to participate in a fair union election and ensuring employees are able to make fully informed decisions about joining a union. Additionally, WDMA opposes regulatory efforts to reduce the amount of time employers

have to communicate with their employees between the time they learn that a union is trying to organize the workforce and the election.

7. WDMA supports government policies addressing the shortage of qualified candidates for high-skilled jobs by improving the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education system approach and other efforts to increase the pool of qualified candidates for jobs in manufacturing.
8. WDMA supports legislation to ensure employers are protected from unwarranted lawsuits when making good-faith efforts to follow applicable public health guidelines during health emergencies.



IMMIGRATION REFORM

America's manufacturers are constrained

by inadequate immigration policies that are failing to address a shrinking domestic workforce and industry-wide labor shortages. Our national immigration policy should ensure an abundant workforce that keeps U.S. manufacturers competitive with the rest of the world and allows businesses to meet market demand. America needs updated immigration policies that restores population growth and adds new consumers to the U.S. economy. WDMA supports a balanced approach to immigration reform that strengthens border security while also promoting economic growth by providing access to a competitive workforce that reflects the labor needs of domestic manufacturers.

1. WDMA supports a border security policy that funds infrastructure improvements and promotes the advancement of new border patrol technologies, while increasing resources for border patrol officials and federal immigration courts to prevent illegal border crossings and address legal immigration backlogs. Without secure borders, no policy can succeed.
2. WDMA supports the creation of a federal electronic employment verification system that ensures undocumented workers do not displace American workers and provides employers' confidence in hiring workers.
3. WDMA supports policy reforms that prioritize America's workforce needs by increasing employment-based immigration to meet the

labor demands of American manufacturers and businesses. Additionally, WDMA supports increased federal oversight and enforcement of employers that are dependent on worker visas so that American workers are not displaced or disadvantaged.

4. WDMA supports immigration policies that eliminate barriers on retaining the most-qualified applicants to enable the U.S. to retain its competitive edge. Additionally, WDMA supports removing per-country limits for employment-based immigrants in the science, technology, engineering and math fields.
5. WDMA supports expanding worker visa categories to allow employers to hire lesser-skilled employees for in-demand jobs. Additionally, WDMA supports policies that ensure pay is fair across sectors and industries so that American workers are not competing against underpaid labor.
6. WDMA supports simplifying the worker visa application process for employers with proven records of compliance to reduce processing times and paperwork burdens on employers, employees and the government.
7. WDMA supports establishing work authorization and a transitional pathway for citizenship for undocumented individuals who were previously brought to the United States as children. WDMA believes there is momentum behind reforms to DACA and visa programs, which are critical tools for manufacturers to address workforce shortages.

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