Policy Goal:
Access to Reliable, Economical, Diverse Energy Resources

Energy policy can enhance—or hinder—Ohio's ability to attract business investment, stimulate economic growth and spur job creation, especially in manufacturing. State and federal energy policies must (a) ensure access to reliable, economical sources of energy, (b) support the development of a diverse energy resource mix, and (c) conserve energy to preserve our natural resources, while lowering cost.

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association's energy policy advocacy efforts are guided by these principles:

- Predictable, stable energy pricing achieved though effective energy rate design attracts job-creating capital investments.

- A modernized energy infrastructure will help maximize energy supplies and stabilize energy pricing and reliability.

- Strategic and operational collaboration among utilities, government and manufacturers and their supply chains produces better economic outcomes than do confrontational and adversarial regulatory proceedings.

- Ohio's traditional industrial capabilities enable global leadership in energy technology innovation and manufacturing.

- Sustainability requirements can create profitable new market opportunities but must be economically feasible.

- Effective government regulation recognizes technical and economic realities.

Shaping energy policy in Ohio that aligns with these principles will support manufacturing competitiveness, stimulate economic expansion and job creation, and foster environmental stewardship.

Energy policy priorities are:

Assure an open and fair electricity generation marketplace, in which competition generates consumer choice, which in turn drives innovation.

Design an economic development discount rate for energy-intensive manufacturers that makes Ohio competitive with other states.

Support deployment of customer-sited generation technologies such as cogeneration, energy efficiency and demand-side management, in order to achieve least-cost and sustainable resources.