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OMA Frames Manufacturing Priorities as 2026 Governor's Race Takes Shape

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) President Ryan Augsburger issued the following statement as Ohio's gubernatorial front-runners finalize their tickets ahead of the 2026 election.

"We congratulate the candidates for governor on their selection of running mates and look forward to engaging with them, and other candidates this year, on the issues Ohio's manufacturers have identified as most critical, including energy affordability and reliability, workforce availability and tax competitiveness," Augsburger said. "Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, and the state's competitiveness depends on whether policymakers deliver a level playing field for energy, talent and essential supply chains. We welcome a robust debate on how best to achieve those outcomes and look forward to working with leaders who are prepared to advance them."

The OMA said it looks forward to constructive engagement throughout the campaign year to advance policies that strengthen Ohio's manufacturing economy and long-term competitiveness.

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association composed solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. It represents manufacturers of all sizes in every subsector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employing approximately 690,000 Ohioans and contributing more than \$138 billion annually to the economy. Visit ohiomfg.com, or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

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