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OMA Says Next Governor Should Protect Ohio's Successful Workers' Compensation System

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) today called on Ohio's next governor to preserve the reforms that have produced historically low workers' compensation rates and returned billions of dollars to employers.

The proposed \$1 billion dividend is the latest sign of a workers' compensation system that is lowering costs and returning surplus funds to Ohio employers.

"Ohio's workers' compensation system is working, and the next governor should keep it that way," said OMA President Ryan Augsburger. "Employers are paying the lowest rates in more than 65 years, injured workers are protected and surplus funds are being returned to the businesses that paid them. Those are results worth protecting."

Ohio's current system is the product of reforms that strengthened professional governance, improved transparency, required actuarially sound rates and limited political interference. Private employers also received a 1% rate reduction on July 1, saving an estimated \$10 million in premiums.

OMA said the system should continue improving claims administration, medical outcomes, fraud prevention and return-to-work performance while maintaining responsible reserves and returning surplus employer funds.

"The next governor will inherit a workers' compensation system that is delivering strong results," Augsburger said. "The job is not to dismantle it. The job is to protect the progress, maintain fiscal discipline and keep the system working for Ohio workers and employers."

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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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