

TMA 2022 Federal Candidate Questionnaire



General Information

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List any manufacturers that support your candidacy:

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Name
Steven J. Kase (former owner and CEO)

Company
ASK Power, Inc.

Name

Company
Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.

TAXATION

In a global economy, Illinois-based manufacturers compete nationally and internationally for work projects. Tax demands, in addition to business expenses, frequently determine whether bids are won or lost. Losing those bids risks the good-paying jobs and generous economic benefits that stem from Illinois manufacturers.

Illinois has some of the nation's highest sales, property and income taxes, of which Illinois manufacturers bear a substantial part. Increasing federal taxes would create an additional burden on Illinois manufacturers.

Would you support or oppose increasing the federal government's income tax rates on small to mid-sized manufacturing companies?

Oppose

Would you support or oppose raising the employers' share of Social Security taxes?

Support

Would you support or oppose retaining the R&D tax credit and incentives for capital equipment purchases?

Support

REGULATIONS

The federal government on average issues at least one manufacturing-related regulation each week. The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) found the industrial sector faces over 300,000 restrictions on their operations from federal regulations.

Would you support or oppose reducing OSHA's overall oversight on manufacturing companies' environments?

Oppose

Would you support or oppose amending federal regulations on the manufacturing sector to discourage outsourcing crucial production to foreign soil?

Support

Would you support or oppose expanding the EPA's authority over manufacturing processes and products, based on how the concerned processes affect the environment?

Support

Would you support or oppose raising the nation's minimum wage?

Support

TARIFFS

International trade tariffs are hotly debated in the U.S. Congress as to whether they generally help or hinder the American manufacturing sector.

Would you support or oppose the view that the 2018 international trade tariffs hurt the manufacturing industry and are associated with relative reductions in manufacturing employment and relative increases in producer prices?

Support

Would you support or oppose the idea of "free" trade with no tariffs, over "fair" trade with equity-attempting tariff policies?

Oppose

Would you support or oppose investing more federal dollars into infrastructure projects that would possibly ease international supply chain distribution woes?

Support

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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