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The Honorable Woody Burton
State Representative
69 Meadow Ln
Whiteland, IN 46184-9656

Dear Representative  Burton:

I am pleased to present to you the Indiana Manufacturers Association “Award for Legislative Excellence.” The enclosed certificate represents our appreciation for your support of legislation beneficial to Hoosier manufacturers during the 2014 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Indiana is the most manufacturing-intensive state in the country. Manufacturing accounts for more than 28% of Indiana’s gross domestic product, nearly 17% of the Hoosier workforce, and pays one-quarter of the total compensation paid to employees in Indiana. Since July 2009, Hoosier manufacturers have added nearly 70,000 jobs, which is second most in the United States. The manufacturing sector employs 500,000 Hoosiers in jobs that pay \$30,000 more in average annual compensation than other private sectors of the economy.

The enclosed certificate includes your score from the 2014 Indiana Manufacturers Association Scorecard. The score is a percentage of how often you voted in support of a position advocated by the Indiana Manufacturers Association. Only those members in the Indiana House and Senate who voted 90 percent or more of the time with the manufacturing community received an Award for Legislative Excellence.

Sixty House members and 22 members of the Senate scored 90 percent or more in 2014. Of those, 10 House members and five Senators had perfect 100 percent scores. Twenty-three votes in the Senate and 21 House votes were identified this session as “priority” votes. The votes included those in support of restricting state environmental regulatory authority, personal property tax reform, a reduction in the corporate income tax rate, the establishment of ethics and competency standards for local assessors, and an opt-out of the state’s costly energy efficiency program for certain industrial customers. The votes also included opposition to the creation of a county income and employment tax on corporations, and an attempt to define what qualifies as a “pollutant” for purposes of environmental insurance coverage.

Thank you again for your support of the manufacturing community. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (317) 217-6990 or pkiely@imaweb.com.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Kiely
President & Chief Executive Officer