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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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REGISTER NOW FOR INCMA'S 2020 LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

INCMA will hold its 2020 Legislative Summit on January 29th in Indpls. Please register now to attend the event. Members will learn about critical foundry issues including: 2020 state manufacturing priorities, inside information on regulatory and legislative activity in Washington DC, a high level analysis of silica compliance matters and a strategic discussion on business healthcare costs in Indiana. Attendees may also have INCMA schedule a lunch with their legislative representatives. Special thanks to our event sponsors to date including:
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Pillar Group Risk Mgmt.
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INCMA'S 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

Energy costs are a constant concern for Indiana foundries and even more so given the cost of electricity in Indiana has steadily gone

up. Several factors impact the price including; fuel source, environmental regulation and infrastructure replacement costs. Most foundries work hard to understand and manage their utility costs as much as possible but frequently have to rely on their providers for information. Some foundries operate within the jurisdiction of municipal utilities and are



captive as their customers. In recent months, INCMA members have expressed concerns with the lack of transparency by some of those municipal utility providers, particularly as it relates to long term contract obligations, billing records and peak load data. Foundries can plan for their energy future and help to control costs and usage if they have the right information benefiting both themselves and the environment. Municipal utilities should partner with their large users and

deliver this information when requested. To that end, INCMA is working with legislative leaders to seek changes in the law during the 2020 Session to require more transparency. These changes could include disclosure of peak load data and other information to help in planning and cost savings. Stay tuned!

Please note that the 2020 General Assembly will convene on January 6, 2020 and must adjourn by March 14, 2020. INCMA will be [posting weekly tracking lists](#) on all bills being monitored and/or worked on by INCMA lobbyists.

PHASE ONE TRADE AGREEMENT GETS MIXED REVIEWS

From AAM: The United States and China confirmed on Friday that they have reached a "phase one" trade deal. While the exact text of the deal has not yet been released, it appears the U.S. will lift some tariffs in return for China spending \$50 billion on U.S. farm goods. Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM) President Scott Paul said: "The agreement announced

today between China and the United States is simply not good enough for America's workers. While details are still scarce, it appears the United States has agreed to roll back some tariffs and delay the consideration of additional ones, giving away much of our leverage, while kicking the can down the road on the most meaningful trade issues with China. That list is long, and includes Beijing's massive industrial subsidies, its cyber-theft, the pervasiveness of its state-owned enterprises, and lax labor and environmental enforcement. "These are tough issues, and the administration deserves credit for forcing China to the table, but it would be a mistake to abandon the attempt to fix them. Even if China refuses to budge from its mercantilism, the status quo contributed to the devastation of American manufacturing and stands in the way of future economic progress."

*Wishing all our best to
you and yours!*

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