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Indiana Manufacturers Association's Board of Directors Endorse Mitch Daniels for Governor

Indianapolis — Today, the Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) announced that by a unanimous vote of its Board of Directors, the IMA has endorsed the re-election of Mitch Daniels for Governor of Indiana.

IMA's Board of Directors closely examined the record of the gubernatorial candidates of both major parties. It concluded that Daniels' leadership in balancing the budget, developing and improving infrastructure and maintaining an economic climate attractive to investment and job creation were decisive and critical to the future growth of Indiana. The vote of the IMA board was made based upon that examination.

Manufacturing has been the life blood of the Indiana economy and remains the driving economic force. However, the manufacturing sector, like virtually all other states, is undergoing major changes in its composition. IMA's President Patrick J. Kiely noted, "Overcoming the challenges of economic change will require an innovative and aggressive approach to cost structures, infrastructure, government regulation, education and economic development on the part of those leaders tasked with helping this state's economy grow and prosper. Inasmuch as those tasks fall to Indiana's governor, it is clearly in the best interest of manufacturing entities and all of their employees that Daniels be re-elected."

IMA is the second oldest state manufacturer association in the United States, having been founded in 1901. Representing about 1,800 manufacturing locations in the state, with more than 525,000 employees, IMA has existed solely for the purpose of representing the interests of Indiana manufacturers for more than 107 years. Manufacturing is the most important contributor to jobs, wages and wealth creation in the State of Indiana. The jobs of another 1.3 million Hoosiers depend on the continuing existence, growth and future success of the manufacturing enterprise in Indiana.

The IMA urges the voters of Indiana to join with IMA in supporting Mitch Daniels' re-election.

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