

2015 Legislative Priorities

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ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

Minnesota businesses recognize that a quality environment is essential to the state's economic vitality. But more government control, especially prescriptive regulatory options specific to Minnesota, threaten to do more harm than good. These mandates will increase costs for Minnesota manufacturers and retailers that will be passed on to customers and hinder the ability of Minnesota companies to compete in the global marketplace. Programs like Minnesota Waste Wise, a Minnesota Chamber program, are a better alternative. They provide an excellent opportunity to educate businesses on environmental stewardship and to increase their voluntary participation.

2015 TO DO LIST

- ❑ Oppose legislation that requires collection of a monetary deposit on beverage containers at point of sale. Regulatory approaches are costly and create resistance to the three Rs – reduce, reuse, recycle.
- ❑ Oppose legislation that requires retailers, distributors or manufacturers to take back products or fully pay for end-of-life management and disposal.
- ❑ Ensure that any state legislation to ban specific products or to create a state chemical regulatory system is based on sound science and not duplicative of or more restrictive than federal regulatory policies.
- ❑ Continue efforts to streamline environmental permitting and review process.
- ❑ Ensure that legislation which regulates greenhouse gas emissions does not endanger the competitive viability of Minnesota businesses. Prior to passage of any new climate change policies, the Legislature should review an economic analysis, by industry sector, of the cost impacts of the proposed legislation and the impact on Minnesota's consumers and economy.

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- Tell your story – you do not need to be a “lobbyist”

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