

**A Congressional Roundtable Discussion  
with Members of the Manufacturing Caucus  
and the Forging Industry Association (FIA)**

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**10:00am-11:00am ET**

**2103 Rayburn House Office Building**

**\*Attendance limited to Member of Congress and/or senior staffer.**

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*Please join Congressmen Randy Hultgren and Mike Kelly for a congressional roundtable discussion with CEOs of forging companies and suppliers to the forging industry about the forging industry and its views on tax reform, workforce development and trade.*

What is forging? Forging is one of the oldest known metalworking processes where metal is pressed, pounded or squeezed under great pressure into high strength parts known as forgings. Forgings are found in the following industry sectors: aerospace, automotive, defense, oil & gas exploration, power generation, wind energy, mining, rail, medical, tools and sports.

FIA executives will be able to talk about the markets they serve and their positions on the following issues:

Tax Reform – The forging industry needs comprehensive tax reform that treats all manufacturers alike regardless of corporate structure; enhances U.S. manufacturers' global competitiveness; and recognizes the global nature of U.S. manufacturing and supply chains. There will be executives from both C-Structure and Pass-Through entities.

Workforce Development – Like many in the manufacturing arena, the forging industry struggles with finding and retaining appropriately trained workers. Executives will discuss job training initiatives and programs that work in their states and how the business community can play a more direct role in establishing education policy at the K-12 and higher education levels, including career and technical education (CTE) programs, to help prepare students for the needs of the workforce and successful manufacturing careers.

Trade – The forging industry is a consumer of metal products and therefore the trade policies affecting global capacity of metals is important. The forging industry is also often unable to take advantage of the U.S. trade laws because of the inability to track imports. Executives will be able to discuss their views on trade with China and the rest of the world and how downstream industries are affected by U.S. trade laws.

Forging Industry CEOs attending the event include:

Gerald Bornman and David Silva, Aluminum Precision Products – California

Rick Creed, Weber Metals – California

Marc Fortin, Consolidated Industries – Connecticut

Ken Mathas, Cornell Forge Company – Illinois

Bill Hoban, Cleveland Hardware & Forging Company – Illinois, Ohio & Wisconsin

Dan Cavanagh, MacLean-Fogg Metform Group – Illinois, North Carolina, New York & Pennsylvania

Jason Fowler and Mike Peroo, Bar Source – Illinois, Tennessee & Texas

Doug Brown, Inductoheat – Michigan

Mark Marcucci, Gerdau Specialty Bar – Michigan & Arkansas

Suzanne Tkach, Tkach Metalworking Consulting – Ohio

William Tracey, Fives North American Combustion – Ohio, Pennsylvania & Alabama

Hudson Smith, SIFCO - Ohio & California

Ben Huffman, The Ellwood Group – Pennsylvania, Ohio & Texas

Mike Kamnikar, North American Forgemasters – Pennsylvania

George Currie, Erie Press – Pennsylvania

Matthew Troutman, Lenape Forge – Pennsylvania

David Hershbell, Lehigh Heavy Forge – Pennsylvania

Kevin Crowley, Forged Products – Texas