

There's power in numbers, and your voice can make the difference

Founded earlier this year by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters — Canada's largest trade and industry association — the Ontario Council of Manufacturing Executives (oCME) recently secured a major win for the sector in the province, successfully advocating the Ontario Government to scrap the repeal of the *Industrial Exception* — a longstanding piece of legislation under the *Professional Engineering Act* that, if not retained, would have had a detrimental impact on manufacturing competitiveness.

What it would have meant

Originally set to expire on September 1, 2013, a discontinuation of the *Industrial Exception* would have required the formal certification of professional engineers for work functions where none was previously required. The result would have been:

- ↳ Increased costs through new licensing fees and insurance premiums, as well as higher wage rates;
- ↳ Production delays or interruptions due to significant process realignment; and
- ↳ Enhanced skills shortages, driven largely by the inability to fully leverage the skills of existing employees — many of whom have been successfully and safely performing the same job functions for years, even decades.

The result

Through the influential input, recommendations and leadership of oCME members, cabinet voted to scrap the proposed repeal on June 13, 2013, ensuring manufacturers and their employees would not be adversely affected.

But there's more to be done — and we need your help

This win demonstrates the importance of finding common ground and working together to fight for manufacturing in Ontario. While maintaining the *Industrial Exception* was vital to your immediate operations, there are many other issues that require action — both in the short- and long-term.

Be a part of the solution, and join us at our next oCME meeting in September 2013 to help shape our future.

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Your voice.**

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the exclusive group of leading manufacturing executives that, on your behalf, secured the continuation of the *Industrial Exception* in Ontario.



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