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TO: FIA Members

RE: FIA New Public Policy Initiative

I'm very pleased to advise that FIA has enlisted the services of Laurin M. Baker, an experienced, professional political lobbyist and consultant in Washington...to guide and assist FIA and its members in public policy matters important to the forging industry.

Laurin is tasked to assist in the following ways:

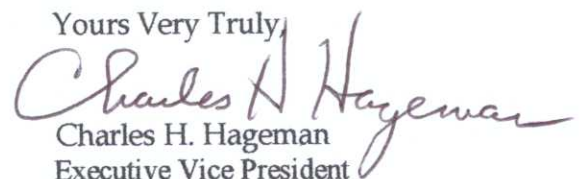
- 1) General education of policy makers about the forging industry, its contribution to the economy, and the challenges it faces.
- 2) Participation in General Manufacturing Coalitions to leverage needed "clout" on global issues facing business and manufacturing in general, and of common interest to the forging industry.
- 3) Forging-Specific-Issues. . . ranging immediately from import, natural gas/utilities, capital investment recovery credits, sound dollar, and OSHA matters. . . to those in science, technology and research areas important to forging industry survival and future growth.
- 4) General issue monitoring and reporting....and of building a responsive member network to participate more effectively in the public policy arena, both individually and collectively through FIA.

Laurin will be reporting to me and FIA's Board of Directors...and communicating to members through E-mail/website means, and in person at future FIA meetings.

Laurin's help is a commitment to Public Policy action as part of strategic restructuring of FIA services underway by the Board of Directors to better serve FIA members, now and for the future.

We look forward to your support and participation in this new initiative and program direction for FIA.....stay tuned for more information forthcoming.

Yours Very Truly,


Charles H. Hageman
Executive Vice President

