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KNOW YOUR PRINT INDUSTRY

In today's busy world it is hard to keep up-to-date on laws that have passed or potential legislation. You might not know about how laws and regulations could potentially affect your industry or how to share your thoughts with federal, state or local leadership. We encourage you to "Know Your Print Industry". Printing Industry Midwest (PIM) wants our membership to be prepared. From time to time, this email called "Know Your Print Industry" will be sent to members to help you know what is going on.

MINNESOTA

Back on February 27th, we sent you an email on proposed Carbon Black Legislation. This is that email:

Carbon Black Ban Proposed

The attack on Carbon Black has come to Minnesota. As we know, Carbon Black is a component of black inks to provide an intense black color. Human exposure to carbon black through printing is limited because it is bound within a matrix. According to the NIH (National Institute of Health) employee exposures to carbon black through printing processes are negligible. Carbon black can be toxic when it is in dust form. Carbon black in ink or when printed and cured is not a dust. A bill introduced on Monday in the MN House ([HF 1486](#) / [Here is a list](#) of MN House representatives on that committee. In the Senate, it was referred to the Environment, Climate, and Legacy committee. [Here is a list](#) of Senators on that committee.

Please contact these Senators and Representatives and let them know how you feel about this bill. Printing Industry Midwest (PIM) will be doing the same!

Here is a standard letter that you could use to send to your legislators to let them know how you feel about the proposed legislation. That letter is attached along with talking points, you are free to share this email and the steps to inform people/your team on what is happening in the state of Minnesota and legislation that would severely impact the print industry. Remember, your personal touch to the letters and talking points are very compelling and editing the letter with your own words would be ideal; These materials are here for you as information to help guide you in your conversations and letter writing.

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