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Federal Policy and Advocacy Priorities

Ensure the Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) is a successful and valuable national asset:

- Bring new DOD missions and federal agencies to the RIA, and reduce the number of federal leases nationwide.
- Ensure Arsenals have sufficient workload to maintain skills:
 - Ensure sufficient workload is awarded to maintain the RIA's unique and critical capabilities.
 - Pass legislation allowing flexibility in labor rate to ensure arsenals are competitive and enhance public-private partnerships.
 - Direct the DOD to ensure carry-over rules are interpreted the same across all branches of service.
- Outfit USACE dams with hydropower to be energy self-sufficient and reduce overhead cost at RIA and Iowa Army Ammunition Plant.

Invest in transportation and infrastructure:

- Ensure continued support for top-projects:
 - I-74 Bridge ■ I-80 Bridge ■ Quad Cities – Chicago Passenger Rail Service
- Enhance FAST Act opportunities:
 - Increase funding for: Amtrak National Network Account, CRISI, and REG.
 - Expand CRISI eligibility to include station and station area development and track improvements.
 - Remove FASTLANE funding cap for non-highway freight projects.
- Fund “Major Rehabilitation” projects and lock expansion on the upper Mississippi River via an infrastructure bill or Water Resources Development Act appropriation.

Address regulations and barriers to commerce:

- Reform regulations to be practical and unencumbering while still promoting responsible action.
 - DOL's Overtime ■ Dodd-Frank Act
 - OSHA's Silica Sand ■ Affordable Care Act
 - Consistent & practical DNR enforcement
- Establish a formal process and designate involved agencies to work with communities, businesses, and homeowners to appeal flood maps and mitigate flooding impact.

Strengthen long-term energy production and access:

- Maintain renewable energy production tax credits, and implement a Federal Investment Tax Credit for nuclear generation.
- Invest and improve access and management of the energy grid.
- Streamline and expedite the process for hydropower licensing.

Enact trade policies that provide access to foreign market while ensuring U.S. businesses are not disadvantaged.

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