

Readers React

THE INDUSTRIAL PHYSICIST IS A WELCOME TOOL in the revival of American interest in applied physics. Armed with the contents of *The Industrial Physicist*, I expect to be able to make better judgments on research and development issues, and on the applied technology evolution of such work that has often eluded our country. I congratulate you and the editorial staff for this bold venture and look forward to reading future issues.

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I WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE FORUM on Industrial and Applied Physics in the first issue of *The Industrial Physicist*. I wish to continue receiving *The Industrial Physicist*; it is clearly an eyeopener and the people associated with its production have an excellent grasp of the harsh realities of today's global marketplace and the decline of government funding for academia and the government labs. I salute all who are involved with this magazine. It's about time that the physics community started to focus on industrial and applied physics problems! They are equally as rich (if not more so) as any "frontier" theoretical research.

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I'VE JUST RECEIVED AND SCANNED THE PREMIER issue of *The Industrial Physicist*, and I don't much like its tone. It starts out—and then persists—with the weeping and wailing and multiple jeremiads about drops in taxpayer funding for research in private industry and "not for profit" institutions. How absurd and parochial the American Physical Society and American Institute of Physics have become! Do you really think that the taxpayers owe you a living? How much government research grant funding did Thomas Edison or George Westinghouse receive for


research? How about Andrew Carnegie? As my direct and indirect taxes already exceed half of my very modest income, I object to increased robbery by government coercion on behalf of the friends of bureaucrats and politicians. As for the editorial content of *Physics Today*, *The Industrial Physicist* and *APS News*, etc., I say that you need to stop griping and get on with reporting on physics. Try to encourage exploration of new ideas and concepts of physics instead of a search for the illusory fiscal dependency of government funding "just because we deserve it."

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I JUST READ THE INDUSTRIAL PHYSICIST COVER to cover and got a lot out of it. In the area of energy and the environment, industrial physicists may be able to have a major impact on reducing energy and environmental impacts in the future. I am therefore pleased that the first issue focused on the "clean car."

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I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR publication and feel that is about time that applied physicists got this sort of a quality publication.

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