

May 10, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Room S-221, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-230, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders Schumer, McCarthy, and McConnell:

As members of Congress come together to advance bipartisan legislation strengthening supply chains and enhancing U.S. economic competitiveness, the undersigned organizations write to express our strong support for the Manufacturing Security and Resilience Program and other critical provisions included in the supply chain resilience subtitle of the House-passed America COMPETES Act (Sec. 20201 through 20211 of H.R. 4521).

The pandemic laid bare what many of us have known for years: American workers and consumers—and thus the American economy—depend on a robust supply chain bolstered by American manufacturers. The federal government needs dedicated funding to help manufacturers meet these challenges in times of crisis, as well as supply chain expertise and the ability to nimbly coordinate across agencies and policy silos to strengthen U.S. competitiveness, drive manufacturing growth, and ensure the continued availability, accessibility, and affordability of critical products.

The America COMPETES Act contains provisions that would establish a Manufacturing Security and Resilience Program (“Program”) to support businesses working to develop, diversify, preserve, and improve critical supply chains and the manufacturing of critical goods. The Program would be administered within the Department of Commerce (“Department”), which would be responsible for leading a government-wide effort to invest in manufacturing and address supply chain risk. Through grants, loans, and loan guarantees, the Program would support the development of new technologies, growth in the U.S. manufacturing base, re-tooling of industrial equipment, and production of critical goods. We believe that such a Program will play an essential role in strengthening supply chains crucial for consumers and ensuring Americans’ quality of life and economic prosperity for decades to come.

Additionally, we appreciate that the America COMPETES Act empowers the Department to conduct comprehensive supply chain mapping and monitoring, provide \$45 billion of financial assistance to strengthen supply chains and manufacturing, and equip the private sector with the tools and best practices needed to address supply chain weaknesses before they become full blown crises. Critically, the subtitle outlines a clarified vision for the Department on its implementation of the Program, benefiting from the lessons learned from the supply chain disruptions experienced in the timeframe since Senate passage of the United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021 (“USICA”).

As you discuss the path forward for provisions subject to the conference process in both chambers, we encourage you to support enactment of this Program and the other critical measures in the supply chain resilience subtitle. Adopting these provisions of the House-passed COMPETES Act as part of bipartisan legislation to support American competitiveness will empower unprecedented

expertise at the Department and the ability to invest in sectors critical to the health, economic well-being, and security of our country.

Sincerely,

AICC, The Independent Packaging Association  
Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute  
American Automotive Policy Council  
American Chemistry Council  
American Cleaning Institute  
American Coatings Association  
American Composites Manufacturers Association  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Frozen Foods Institute  
American Mold Builders Association  
American Wood Council  
Ames Chamber of Commerce  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated Industries of Florida  
Associated Industries of Massachusetts  
Associated Industries of Missouri  
Associated Industries of Vermont  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
Auto Care Association  
Barrow County Chamber of Commerce  
Battery Materials & Technology Coalition  
Beer Institute  
Berkeley Chamber of Commerce  
Brick Industry Association  
Buffalo Niagara Manufacturers Alliance  
Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
Can Manufacturers Institute  
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance  
Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce  
Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce  
Cobb Chamber of Commerce  
Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Association  
Composite Can and Tube Institute  
Consumer Brands Association  
Consumer Healthcare Products Association  
Corn Refiners Association  
Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce  
Dental Trade Alliance  
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce  
Electronic Components Industry Association  
Employ America Action Fund  
Flexible Packaging Association  
Forging Industry Association  
Glass Packaging Institute

Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Greater Des Moines Partnership  
Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce  
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce  
Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Industrial Packaging Alliance of North America  
Industrial Truck Association  
Information Technology Industry Council  
International Bottled Water Association  
International Food Additives Council  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
Iowa Business Council  
IPC - Build Electronics Better  
Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Kansas Chamber and the Kansas Manufacturing Council  
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Maine State Chamber of Commerce  
Manufacturing Alliance of Philadelphia  
Metal Powder Industries Federation  
Midwest Manufacturers Association  
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
Murray County Chamber of Commerce  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
National Automatic Merchandising Association  
National Confectioners Association  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
National Foreign Trade Council  
National Glass Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Seasoning Manufacturers Association, Inc.  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
National Waste & Recycling Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers  
North American Die Casting Association  
North Carolina Chamber  
Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers & Employers Association  
Norwin Chamber of Commerce  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association  
Pet Advocacy Network  
Plastics Pipe Institute  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Power Tool Institute

Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
PRINTING United Alliance  
Railway Supply Institute  
Reshoring Initiative  
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association  
Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Rowan Chamber of Commerce  
Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce  
San Antonio Manufacturers Association  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
SNAC International  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates  
Society of Glass & Ceramic Decorators Products  
Software & Information Industry Association  
Somerset County Chamber of Commerce  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
Specialty Tools & Fasteners Distributors Association  
St. Paul Area Chamber  
SynBio Coalition  
Texas Association of Manufacturers  
Texas International Produce Association  
The Aluminum Association  
The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
The Carpet and Rug Institute  
The Hardwood Federation  
The Ohio Manufacturers' Association  
The Toy Association  
Utah Manufacturers Association  
Valve Manufacturers Association  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Window & Door Manufacturers Association  
York County Economic Alliance

cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Chair, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Roger Wicker  
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation