

January 31, 2023

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
Chair
Subcommittee Innovation, Data, and
Commerce
House Committee, Energy and Commerce
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
Ranking Member
Subcommittee Innovation, Data, and
Commerce
House Committee, Energy and Commerce
2376 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Bilirakis and Ranking Member Schakowsky:

As members of Congress consider measures that could bolster America's competitiveness globally and especially with countries like China, it is critical to advance policies that will strengthen supply chain resiliency, support domestic manufacturing, and lay the groundwork for optimizing supply chain performance for decades to come.

Pandemic disruptions, port congestion and challenges like last year's thankfully averted freight rail strike are no longer front-page news, but America's supply chains are as vulnerable now as they were before March 2020. Bipartisan legislation to strengthen supply chains and enhance U.S. economic competitiveness should be a priority for the Committee in 2023. More than 130 organizations strongly supported past legislative efforts as outlined in the attached letter ("Association Supply Chain Letter 5.10.22"), which is included as an appendix to this document. We believe that Congress should build on lessons learned to bolster economic and national security.

Specifically, we encourage Congress to support businesses working to develop, diversify, preserve, and improve critical supply chains and the manufacturing of critical goods. This is critical to ensuring the availability, affordability and accessibility of goods and services, especially amid current and future disruptions. We urge robust consideration of programs that would invest in domestic manufacturing and strengthen resilience in sectors essential to national security, economic growth and consumer health and wellbeing. We also believe that government must fill key knowledge and expertise gaps on supply chain issues, both through the development of new tools to map and monitor supply chains, as well as greater levels of senior inter-agency policy coordination to drive greater levels of supply chain performance.

Absent investment in and prioritization of supply chains, we are concerned that America will continue to cede geopolitical ground and that supply chain vulnerabilities will imperil national and economic security. Thank you for convening today's discussion on competitiveness, and we look forward to working with the Committee to strengthen supply chains and to advance bipartisan solutions.

Sincerely,

Consumer Brands Association
Information Technology Industry Council

May 10, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
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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
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