May 10, 2022

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

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

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