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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
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Dear Senator Brown:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) – the nation’s largest industrial trade association – supports the Investments for Manufacturing Progress and Clean Technology (IMPACT) Act of 2009. By encouraging the development and manufacture of clean and efficient energy technologies, this legislation will promote U.S. job creation and U.S. competitiveness.

NAM members believe that promoting energy efficiency is the single most cost-effective strategy to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, greater investment in energy efficiency strategies creates jobs. The IMPACT bill, through a revolving loan fund and additional funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), will provide small and medium-sized manufacturers with access to the resources and tools needed to develop and implement innovative technology improvements.

Over 99 percent of American manufacturers are smaller companies, and these manufacturers account for two-thirds of manufacturing employment and one-half the value of all domestic production. The IMPACT Act is a critical step in strengthening the core of our nation’s manufacturing economy – the small and medium manufacturers – at a time when both they and our economy need it most.

NAM members believe strongly that a vibrant manufacturing sector is key to our nation’s economic recovery and future growth. Manufacturers consume one-third of the nation’s energy, and the development of clean and efficient energy technologies is key to the success of our industry. The NAM looks forward to working with you and your staff to advance the IMPACT bill.

Sincerely,

Manufacturing Makes America Strong