

# **Make It In America in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress:** **A Stronger Economy Through** **Manufacturing**



The Make It In America plan is an agenda everyone can support:

## **AFL-CIO President Richard L. Trumka**

“We commend Democratic House Whip Steny Hoyer for placing the focus on U.S. manufacturing with the ‘Make it in America’ Agenda. These proposals help create a national manufacturing strategy--something that is long overdue. It’s time to reinvest in America with 21st century manufacturing, infrastructure, and skills, and to make sure that the technology and materials used to do that are made in America. ‘Make it in America’ will go a long way towards ensuring that.”

## **Alliance for American Manufacturing President Scott N. Paul**

“The American people want Congress to focus on job creation—84 percent of voters support a national manufacturing strategy. The Make it in America agenda pulls together common-sense policies to help grow our manufacturing base, establish a level playing field for American businesses, and create a brighter future for American workers.”

## **Center for American Progress President Neera Tanden**

“Our nation works best when we build an economy that works for everyone. Providing American workers with access to world-class training and the infrastructure they need to access 21st Century jobs in high-tech and advanced manufacturing will produce long-lasting economic growth for the entire nation. By investing in America’s workforce through the ‘Make It In America’ agenda, Congressman Hoyer will ensure that manufacturing remains a cornerstone of our nation’s economic prosperity.”

## **The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation**

“To have a vibrant national economy, the United States needs a healthy, globally competitive manufacturing sector. Unfortunately, over the last two decades, America has lost ground to our international competitors, not just in low-tech production sectors but also in high technology, high value, innovation-based industries. The Make It In America Agenda offers a comprehensive package of much-needed reforms designed to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of American industry and attract additional high-tech investment to our shores. ITIF commends Congressman Hoyer for leading this effort and urges Congress to take up these measures as soon as possible.”

### **National Association of Manufacturers CEO Jay Timmons**

“Your manufacturing initiative that supports pro-growth, pro-jobs policies in trade, innovation and workforce issues has the potential to provide a critical path towards bipartisan agreement on issues facing manufacturers and their employees.”

### **National Council For Advanced Manufacturing CEO and Chairman Rusty Patterson**

“We are delighted that your ‘Make It In America’ bills go a long way in achieving our goal of strengthening and revitalizing the U.S. manufacturing sector ... and helping the nation’s manufacturers become more innovative, productive and competitive in an ever-expanding global marketplace. Without a doubt, they meet NACFAM’s three major policy priorities -- Build a better Educated and Trained Workforce ... Promote Product and Process Innovation and Expand R&D ... and Enhance the Global Competitiveness of U.S. Companies. We hope to see your ‘Make It In America’ bills approved by the House and Senate and signed into law by the President before the end of this term.”

### **National Skills Coalition**

“In order to meet the skilled workforce needs of U.S. manufacturers, we need greater and more effective public investments in the skills of America’s workers. The Make it in America agenda offers a strong vision for preparing a 21st century workforce whose skills are aligned with labor market need. We appreciate Congressman Hoyer’s commitment to ensuring that every worker and employer has the skills they need to compete in the global economy.”

### **STEM Education Coalition Executive Director James Brown**

“Our nation’s future prosperity will depend a great deal on how well we prepare our students for careers the best jobs in global economy, many of which will be in advanced manufacturing. We are very pleased that the Make It In America initiative has a strong focus on improving student success in the critical science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects, because it is in the STEM subjects that America’s future lays. Simply put, if we are to keep up with our global competitors, we had better step up our commitment to improving STEM education and increasing opportunities to access innovative STEM education programs both in and out-of-school.”

### **Third Way Economic Program Director Gabe Horwitz**

“As our country navigates the opportunities, and challenges, of the 21st century economy, our leaders in Congress need to devise policies that seize growth. A key component to this will be ensuring that our manufacturing sector has the support to innovate and expand, creating vast amounts of middle-class jobs in the process. That is why we are so pleased to see Congressman Hoyer and dozens of House Democrats continuing to prioritize growth by supporting our manufacturing sector for the 21st century through the Make It In America initiative. Their

efforts—from reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank to ensuring mid-career individuals can get new training—will allow American workers and American businesses to prosper.”

### **The United Auto Workers President Dennis Williams**

“The United Auto Workers is proud to stand with those members of Congress that stand up for jobs. The Make It In America agenda brings the focus back on putting people to work at a time when we need it the most. Making sure we have the resources to train our workforce and stay competitive in this global economy is imperative, and we look forward to continuing to work with these members to pass legislation that puts Americans back to work. We urge the House Republican Leadership to schedule an immediate vote on the Make it In America legislation. The UAW has a long and standing commitment to creating good-paying jobs in communities across America. One of our highest priorities in recent contract talks with the domestic automakers was to bring auto production and parts assembly back to the U.S. that had been previously performed off shore. This means more jobs not just directly in UAW shops, but in the communities surrounding UAW auto plants.”