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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support S.A. 3, offered by Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) to a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Energy efficiency and conservation offer immediate and cost-effective opportunities to reduce energy cost inputs both in the public and private sectors. Today's commercial, public and residential buildings use almost 40 percent of the energy consumed in this country. The Portman/Shaheen Amendment would improve energy efficiency in commercial, residential and public buildings by directing the Administration to develop and implement strategies to purchase and use energy-efficient information technologies and to set and track goals. It would allow the continued manufacture and use of large "grid-enabled" electric resistance water heaters when used in electric thermal storage or demand response programs. Finally, the Portman Amendment would require the federal government to benchmark all federally-leased buildings that are not ENERGY STAR qualified.

A wide range of cost-effective energy-efficient technologies produced by manufacturers are readily available today. Greater product implementation means job growth in manufacturing and will support and create manufacturing jobs.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on Portman/Shaheen S.A. 3 on procedural motions related to the amendment, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 114th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aric Newhouse