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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

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 H.R. 4318, the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) Act of 2017.

H.R. 4318 would eliminate on a temporary basis tariffs on imports of nearly 1,700 products not produced or available in the United States. The MTB corrects, on a temporary basis, distortions in the U.S. tariff code by eliminating duties on imported products for which there is no or insufficient domestic production and availability. Such distortions undermine the competitiveness of manufacturers in the United States by imposing unnecessary costs.

While Congress had effectively addressed such distortions through the enactment of MTB legislation with strong bipartisan support for three decades, Congress has not passed an MTB since the U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act in 2010 expired at the end of 2012. Since 2012, businesses have paid billions of dollars of tariffs on products not even made in the United States, to the detriment of good-paying American jobs and American competitiveness.

The Miscellaneous Tariff Bill of 2017 will correct this problem and improve the competitiveness of manufacturers across America, particularly small- and medium-sized manufacturers. The NAM estimates that this legislation would eliminate import tariffs of more than \$1.1 billion over the next three years and boost U.S. manufacturing output by more than \$3.1 billion.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 4318, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 115th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote