October 1, 2014

U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

Congratulations and thank you on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation’s largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers and their nearly 12 million workers, for a voting record in the 113th Congress that has earned you the NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence.

Manufacturers present the NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence to legislators who consistently support policies that enable manufacturers in the United States to create jobs, compete in the global economy and improve living standards for manufacturing workers. Your rating was an outstanding on Key Manufacturing Votes, exceeding the 70 percent required for the award.

The attached materials explain the NAM Award in greater detail. Local presentations by NAM members around the country are being planned to honor award winners. You may soon hear from a manufacturing constituent in your state about arranging such an event.

We plan to soon publish your voting record at www.nam.org and will share it with our entire membership. Your favorable votes on key manufacturing issues helped advance the effort to make the United States the best place in the world to manufacture and attract foreign investment, expand access to global markets, develop a 21st-century workforce and promote innovation, investment and productivity.

We look forward to working with you and other members of Congress who share our support for manufacturing and the millions of people who make things in America.

Again, thank you and congratulations.

Sincerely,

Marc S. Scarduffa
Vice Chairman
National Public Affairs Steering Committee
National Association of Manufacturers

Aric Newhouse
Senior Vice President
Policy and Government Relations
National Association of Manufacturers

Attachments: NAM Key Manufacturing Votes; NAM Key Vote Criteria; NAM Award Fact Sheet
The following members of the U.S. Senate, who scored between 70 and 100 percent on NAM Key Manufacturing Votes, are recipients of the NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence and received a copy of this letter:

Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)
John Barrasso (R-WY)
Roy Blunt (R-MO)
John Boozman (R-AR)
Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)
Daniel Coats (R-IN)
Susan Collins (R-ME)
Bob Corker (R-TN)
John Cornyn (R-TX)
Mike Crapo (R-ID)
Ted Cruz (R-TX)
Mike Enzi (R-WY)
Deb Fischer (R-NE)
Jeff Flake (R-AZ)
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
Dean Heller (R-NV)
John Hoeven (R-ND)
James Inhofe (R-OK)
Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
Mike Johanns (R-NE)
Mark Kirk (R-IL)
John McCain (R-AZ)
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Rand Paul (R-KY)
Rob Portman (R-OH)
Jim Risch (R-ID)
Pat Roberts (R-KS)
Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Tim Scott (R-SC)
Jeff Sessions (R-AL)
Richard Shelby (R-AL)
John Thune (R-SD)
Patrick Toomey (R-PA)
David Vitter (R-LA)
Roger Wicker (R-MS)
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As you know, the NAM publishes comprehensive vote ratings that are available at www.nam.org at the end of each Congress, based on votes selected by manufacturing executives on the NAM’s Key Vote Advisory Committee. In addition to making the voting records of all members of Congress known to our entire membership, every Senator who earns a 70 percent or better rating on Key Manufacturing Votes will receive the NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence. The NAM Award, which is frequently presented to legislators by manufacturers in their state, recognizes those who have cast votes for policies that spur job creation, reduce excessive production costs, level the playing field, develop a 21st century workforce, revitalize our nation’s infrastructure and promote innovation, investment and productivity.

Unfortunately, your voting record fell just shy of the threshold for receiving the **NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence** for the 113th Congress. Still, you voted with manufacturing and for our pro-growth positions more than half of the time, and we want you to know that your votes in support of domestic manufacturing are greatly appreciated.

We stand ready to again discuss pro-growth policies and the importance of manufacturing to our nation, as do our member companies across the country and in your state. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you or your staff have questions.

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The following members of the U.S. Senate, who scored between 50 and 69 percent on NAM Key Manufacturing Votes, received a copy of this letter:

Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
Cory Booker (D-NJ)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Richard Burr (R-NC)
Robert Casey (D-PA)
Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Christopher Coons (D-DE)
Richard Durbin (D-IL)
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
Ronald Johnson (R-WI)
Tim Kaine (D-VA)
Angus King (I-ME)
Mike Lee (R-UT)
Joe Manchin (D-WV)
Edward Markey (D-MA)
Claire McCaskill (D-MO)
Robert Menendez (D-NJ)
Christopher Murphy (D-CT)
Mark Pryor (D-AR)
Jack Reed (D-RI)
Harry Reid (D-NV)
Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
John Walsh (D-MT)
Mark Warner (D-VA)
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
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We appreciate the votes you have cast in support of manufacturers in your state. However, we regret to inform you that your voting record in the 113th Congress fell short of the 70 percent threshold.

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Mark Begich (D-AK)
Michael Bennet (D-CO)
Barbara Boxer (D-CA)
Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)
Thomas Carper (D-DE)
Tom Coburn (R-OK)
Joe Donnelly (D-IN)
Al Franken (D-MN)
Kay Hagan (D-NC)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)
Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
Tim Johnson (D-SD)
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
Mary Landrieu (D-LA)
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Carl Levin (D-MI)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
Patty Murray (D-WA)
Bill Nelson (D-FL)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
Brian Schatz (D-HI)
Charles Schumer (D-NY)
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
Jon Tester (D-MT)
Mark Udall (D-CO)
Tom Udall (D-NM)
Ron Wyden (D-OR)