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Rosario Palmieri is the vice president for infrastructure, legal and regulatory policy at the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). In that capacity, he works with NAM members to develop and articulate the association's position on regulatory, civil justice, antitrust, transportation and infrastructure issues. Mr. Palmieri also leads the NAM's efforts in the Alliance for Improving America's Infrastructure, a coalition formed under the leadership of the NAM to address the urgent need to modernize the nation's roads, bridges, rail, ports, inland waterways and airports. Before taking over as vice president, Mr. Palmieri served the NAM as its director of energy and resources policy.

Prior to joining the NAM, Mr. Palmieri worked for several years in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served most recently as the deputy staff director of the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Reform. The Subcommittee had primary jurisdiction over the Paperwork Reduction Act, which created the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the White House Office of Management and Budget. In that capacity, he oversaw the policy and oversight work of the Subcommittee, including drafting legislation to improve the functioning of the regulatory system. Due to the leadership of Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA) and Subcommittee Chair Candice Miller (R-MI), the focus of the Subcommittee's work was on the regulatory burden and its impact on the competitiveness of American manufacturing. Implementation of the President's initiative on Reforming Regulation in the Manufacturing Sector was its highest priority. Mr. Palmieri also served on the House Committee on Small Business in a variety of capacities, first as staff director of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight where he oversaw the Subcommittee's work on the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which requires federal agencies to account for their impacts on small entities and consider alternatives.

At the direction of Chairman Don Manzullo (R-IL) and Subcommittee Chair Mike Pence (R-IN), the impact of regulation on small manufacturers was a special focus of his work. He worked throughout his tenure on implementation of the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002. He later was made the full committee's deputy director of coalitions and senior professional staff member, where he directed coalition efforts on regulatory reform, procurement and other competitiveness issues. He served as manager of government affairs for the Soap and Detergent Association, a group representing the North American cleaning products industry and a member of the NAM's Council of Manufacturing Associations, prior to his time on Capitol Hill.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., he received his B.A. in political science from American University in Washington, D.C.