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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 6517, the Omnibus Trade Act, specifically provisions that would enact the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB).

The MTB is one of the most important short-term actions Congress can take to preserve and expand good American jobs, cut the costs of doing business in the United States and boost American manufacturing exports. U.S. manufacturers large and small use the MTB's tariff suspension provisions to obtain raw materials, proprietary inputs and other products that are not available in our nation.

Without the MTB, the cost of these companies' products will inevitably increase, forcing them to pass higher costs on to consumers and making their products less competitive. These higher costs translate into lost jobs for American workers.

A July 2009 study by economist Andrew Szamosszegi of Capital Trade, Inc. concluded that, if enacted, the MTB would increase U.S. production by \$4.6 billion and support almost 90,000 jobs. The study's estimates cover both the MTB signed into law in August (P.L. 111-227) and H.R. 6517 combined. Costs savings realized under the MTB allow U.S. companies to maintain competitive operations, invest in new facilities and re-train workers.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes related to H.R. 6517, including procedural motions and votes under suspension, merit designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 111th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote