

December 10, 2014

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader  
S-221 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Republican Leader  
S-230 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20150

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
House Minority Leader  
H-204 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Wheeler  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Majority Leader Reid; Republican Leader McConnell; Speaker Boehner; Minority Leader Pelosi; and Chairman Wheeler:

As members of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing 14,000 small, medium and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, we have strong concerns with proposals to regulate the Internet, which could have a negative impact on manufacturers' ability to innovate and broaden economic growth.

Manufacturers vigorously support an open Internet. The robust telecommunications infrastructure that has been deployed over the past 20 years has transformed the way our companies operate and has contributed significantly to the growth of the manufacturing sector in the United States. Indeed, our shop floors are some of the most highly sophisticated and connected environments in the world. Leveraging the open Internet has led to groundbreaking technological innovations in our products and processes.

While the regulatory environment in place has encouraged this investment and innovation, current proposals to regulate the Internet with early 20th Century-era laws severely threaten continued growth. Our country cannot afford to derail this innovation with a burdensome regulatory scheme that will cut off incentives to invest in the networks our companies use.

Therefore, we urge you to oppose any efforts to unnecessarily regulate the open Internet. Unnecessary regulation will lead to a slowdown in innovation, chill investment in future technologies and stall much needed economic growth.

Sincerely,

AAM  
ABB Inc.  
ACE Clearwater  
AGA Marvel  
American Architectural Manufacturers  
Association  
American Time & Signal Co., Inc.  
Arcadia Chair Company  
Associated Industries of Florida  
Association for Manufacturing Excellence  
Automatic Spring Products Corporation  
Baker Boy  
Ball Corporation  
Belden Brick Company

Bergkamp Inc.  
Bernier Cast Metals Inc.  
Betts Company  
Bison Gear & Engineering Corp.  
Blackhawk Molding Co., Inc.  
BTE Technologies  
Cal Sheets LLC  
California Manufacturers & Technology  
Association  
Carolina Color Corporation  
Cello-Wrap Printing Co., Inc.  
Click Bond, Inc.  
Cooper Standard Automotive  
Corn Refiners Association

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deVan Sealants, Inc.	Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Association
DTE, Inc.	Oceanaire, Inc.
Emerson	Osmose Holdings, Inc.
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International	Painter Tool Inc.
Federal Broach Holdings LLC	Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Fiberglass Coatings Inc.	Perlick Corp
French Oil Mill Machinery Co.	Power Technology Inc.
Glier's Meats Inc.	PRAB
Heritage Plastics	Rekluse Motor Sports
Hess Pumice Products, Inc.	Reshoring Institute
Highland Machine Co	Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Hudson Extrusions, Inc.	Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry	RoMan Manufacturing Inc.
International Dairy Foods Association	Sandmeyer Steel Company
Irex Corporation	SASCO Chemical Group, Inc.
Jackson Area Manufacturers Association	Sioux Corporation
James Machine Works LLC.	SKF USA Inc.
Kaivac, Inc.	SSAB
Kansas Chamber	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.
Koller Enterprises, Inc.	State Chamber of Oklahoma
Marlin Steel Wire Products	Staub Manufacturing Solutions
Materion Technical Materials	Syncro Corporation
McGregor Metalworking Companies	Techmer PM, LLC
Memry Corporation	Tenneco Inc.
Metal Treating Institute	Texas Association of Business
Miltec UV Corporation	The Manufacturing Consortium
Mississippi Manufacturers Association	The Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Missouri Association of Manufacturers	TMP Technologies Inc.
Modine Manufacturing Company	Trippe Manufacturing Company
Montana Chamber of Commerce	United Equipment Accessories, Inc.
Narragansett Improvement Co	USG Corporation
National Association of Manufacturers	Valley Industrial Association
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing	Ventahood, Ltd.
National Shooting Sports Foundation	Vermeer Corporation
Neenah Enterprises, Inc.	WEIDMANN Electrical Technology, Inc.
Nevada Manufacturers Association	WilliamsRDM, Inc.
	Worksman Cycles

Cc: Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee  
Members of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee  
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
The Honorable Ajit Pai  
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly  
The Honorable Penny Pritzker, U.S. Secretary of Commerce  
Mr. Jeffrey Zients, Director of the National Economic Council and  
Assistant to the President for Economic Policy  
Dr. Jason Furman, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers