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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. 184, the Protect Medical Innovation Act, introduced by Representatives Erik Paulsen (R-MN) and Ron Kind (D-WI).

Manufacturers support immediate action to repeal the medical device tax to further prevent this tax from hindering innovation, eliminating jobs and adding to already increasing health care costs. H.R. 184 permanently repeals the 2.3 percent tax on medical devices. While the medical device tax is currently in suspension until 2020, Congress must act on a permanent repeal of this misguided tax. During the time the medical device tax was in effect from 2013 to 2015, it harmed medical innovation, led to the loss of tens of thousands of medical device manufacturing jobs and added needless costs to certain health care treatments that required a medical device.

Manufacturers lead the business community on innovation and perform more than three-quarters of all private-sector research and development (R&D) in the nation. The United States maintains a strong leadership position in the global medical device market and H.R. 184 will help further secure that position by ending this onerous tax on device sales.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 184, 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