



## Let's Grow American Manufacturing!

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**Citizens for American Manufacturing (CAM)** maintains that the health of U.S.-based manufacturing is critical to the future economic success of America; and that the encouragement of manufacturing in the United States has a non-partisan place in the legislative work of Congress in addressing our nation's economic challenges.

CAM supports legislation that promotes the following:

- **Growing Manufacturing and Manufacturing Jobs in the United States**

The true status of American manufacturing is revealed in our manufacturing trade deficit - over \$684B in 2012. Government should be the partner of American manufacturing, using the tools of tax policy and trade agreements to promote capital investment in U.S.-based manufacturing, developing international markets and holding trading partners to labor and environmental standards.

- **Education and Training to Prepare Workers for Existing and Future Jobs in Manufacturing**

There is a critical shortage of younger workers with the skills needed for high technology manufacturing, resulting from decades of American industrial decline and educational de-emphasis. A recent study of the talent pool finds approximately 600,000 manufacturing jobs going unfilled due to a shortage of skilled workers. This skills gap will further complicate efforts to grow our manufacturing sector. Students preparing for careers in high technology industries need encouragement, material support and access to professional education. Specialized training must also be available to provide a full range of industry specific skills to machine operators and other technicians.

- **Support for Research and Development**

In the face of intense global competition, assistance with innovations in manufacturing technology is essential; allowing U.S.-based manufacturers to maintain leadership in new products and techniques.

- **Reducing the Burden of Regulation**

A reasonable balance must be achieved that ensures necessary safeguards while not unduly burdening business.

**We appreciate your attention to these important goals for a better American future and strongly urge your support of legislation that furthers a manufacturing agenda of growth, well-paid employment, freedom and innovation.**