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IDENTICAL LETTER SENT TO FULL SENATE

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The Honorable Herbert Kohl
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kohl:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest and oldest industrial trade association, I urge you to support Section 824 of the Senate Defense Authorization Bill. Section 824 will end the monopoly of Federal Prison Industries (FPI) on Department of Defense contracts and level the playing field for all private sector companies who compete with FPI for Department of Defense procurement contracts.

The NAM encourages your active support in permanently and finally reforming the process by which FPI sells its products and services. For the past eight years, the NAM — along with numerous other trade associations representing private industry — has worked with a vast number of members of Congress to pass meaningful FPI reforms. It is time to settle this issue once and for all, and permanently end the mandatory source status FPI enjoys over the private sector.

Additionally, America's manufacturers ask you to support all attempts to broaden Section 824 to include all federal agencies. With this provision expanded, more agencies will be able to purchase products and services from the private sector competitively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Engler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

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