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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

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, supports energy policies that lower prices, expand domestic supply and diversify our energy options.

Adequate, affordable, and reliable energy supplies are essential to the growth of the U.S. economy. This is particularly true for American manufacturers, which use one-third of our nation's energy. Access to competitively priced energy helps U.S. companies compete in the global economy and preserves high-paying jobs here at home.

NAM members have long played an active role in calling for energy policies that: 1) expand domestic supplies; and 2) lower costs for U.S. manufacturers and consumers. Earlier this year, the NAM unveiled our comprehensive Energy Security for American Competitiveness strategy. Our members and staff have testified on Capitol Hill and have made clear our support for sensible, pro-growth energy policies and our desire to work with Congress to enact such policies.

We share your concerns about energy security, but we remain very concerned about provisions we understand may make their way into the final House energy bill, including:

- Efforts to roll back key improvements in domestic energy development, both onshore and offshore, contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005;
- A mandatory federal renewable portfolio standard (RPS) that would almost certainly raise electricity prices for manufacturers and individual consumers in many regions of the nation; and
- A tax package that imposes roughly \$16 billion in massive and punitive taxes on the U.S. oil/gas industry, increasing the likelihood of higher energy costs, loss of American jobs, and further dependence on foreign sources of energy at a time of international uncertainty.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Timmons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

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Manufacturing Makes America Strong