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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I urge you to support H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, which would increase domestic energy production and modernize outdated and overburdensome permitting processes.

Manufacturers rely on secure, reliable and affordable energy. H.R. 1 paves the way for increased domestic energy production and refining, supports energy infrastructure and transmission investment and deployment and streamlines energy transportation project consideration. It also will help drive domestic development of critical minerals.

Shifting regulatory landscapes inherently impact permitting, licensing and siting applications for manufacturers and present compliance challenges which add to inflationary pressures. If we make permitting processes more reliable and certain, the U.S. can continue to bolster domestic manufacturing, which is environmentally cleaner than international competitors. H.R. 1 does just that by modernizing the permitting process to speed the completion of current infrastructure projects and making it is easier for the next dollar of investment to be made here, benefiting all Americans.

Permitting and access to affordable, reliable energy affects every aspect of our lives, from economic security to national security. If we fail to utilize our domestic natural resources and modernize existing processes, we will continue to miss opportunities to create good-paying jobs and reduce financial burdens on American families. It is critical that Congress pass H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, to bolster domestic energy production and streamline outdated permitting processes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aric Newhouse'.

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