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U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

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 the Energy Tax Limitation Amendment, sponsored by Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), to S. 493.

At a time when our economy is attempting to recover from the most severe recession since the 1930s, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, with no guidance from Congress, will establish disincentives for the long-term investments necessary to grow jobs and expedite economic recovery. The McConnell Amendment seeks to ensure a healthy and productive discussion in Congress on harmonizing our nation's energy, environmental and economic needs before EPA regulates carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from stationary sources, including manufacturing facilities.

Manufacturers support a comprehensive, federal climate policy within a framework that will cause no economic harm while granting sufficient time to deploy low-carbon technologies, such as carbon capture and sequestration, renewable energy and a renewed and large-scale deployment of nuclear power plants.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on the McConnell Amendment, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote