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Dear Senator:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges your support for legislation that will prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from stationary sources. To that end, the NAM key-voted Senator Mitch McConnell's (R-KY) Energy Tax Prevention Act amendment (No. 183) to the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011 (S. 493). This amendment would stop EPA regulations that are costing jobs and hurting our nation's economic recovery.

In addition, two other amendments that address GHG regulations were offered to S. 493 by Sens. Max Baucus (D-MT) (No. 236) and Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) (No. 215). While manufacturers appreciate the efforts of Sens. Baucus and Rockefeller, unfortunately, their amendments do not solve many problems associated with the EPA's GHG regulations and provide little regulatory certainty for our nation's job creators.

Manufacturers support the McConnell Energy Tax Prevention amendment. It would stop the EPA from regulating GHGs from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act, thus facilitating a healthy and productive discussion in Congress on harmonizing our nation's energy, environmental and economic needs.

In today's fragile economy, when we need American businesses to expand at full speed, these regulations create uncertainty and delay. The McConnell amendment (No. 183) is the best approach to stop these regulations and give manufacturers the assurance they need to expand operations and put Americans back to work.

Sincerely,



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