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The U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

Through constant innovation, investment and dedication, manufacturers in the U.S. have become leaders in environmental stewardship and sustainability, while continuing to be the engine that powers our economic growth and prosperity. The manufacturing sector in the U.S. today is clean, efficient, technology-driven and dedicated to protecting the health, safety and vibrancy of the communities in which they live and work.

Unfortunately, several provisions under consideration for budget reconciliation legislation would increase energy or supply chain costs to manufacturers in the U.S, while failing to seriously address the climate crisis or drive our economy towards circularity. Undercutting our energy advantage or punitively targeting specific sectors would threaten our global competitiveness, outsource emissions and ultimately place the cost on the American people.

Our nation has a mix of innovative technologies and energy resources unmatched by any other nation in the world. For manufacturers, the nation's domestic natural gas and oil supply is an important component of our energy future and a key element to strengthening our global competitiveness while continuing to drive sustainability. The goal of our nation's leaders should be to make the tax code more, not less, competitive for modern, clean manufacturing. Manufacturers kept their promises after the 2017 tax reform law. Wages soared, and manufacturers invested in their people and communities. Any regressive energy or supply chain taxes threaten to undo this progress and make everyday products more expensive to all Americans.

The NAM urges policymakers to ensure manufacturers in America continue to have access to reliable, affordable reliable energy and maintain our energy security through continued domestic production. We respectfully encourage you to oppose any measures that could raise costs to consumers and instead look forward to working with you on ways to support sustainable energy and environmental policies to protect clean air, land and water while swiftly addressing climate change.

Sincerely,

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