

Submission for the Record
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The manufacturing sector is the lifeblood of the American economy - responsible for nearly 13 million American jobs. These represent good-paying jobs and economic growth that directly benefit working Americans. Consider that for every \$1.00 we spend on manufacturing, \$1.82 is added to the economy. Clearly, this is an industry that must be healthy for the economy to grow.

Still, according to the EPA, the manufacturing sector is responsible for approximately a quarter of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions. This means that when Congress looks at addressing the climate crisis, Congress must look at how the manufacturing sector can innovate and evolve to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining competitiveness.

Unfortunately, since the most recent recession, we have not seen manufacturing jobs bounce back as happened after previous economic downturns. And this slow recovery has only been made worse by this administration's disastrous trade policy. Congress must do more to ensure our manufacturing sector is resilient.

Fortunately, there is a solution that is both green and supports working Americans. Within in the work of this Committee, we have a great opportunity to revive our manufacturing industry through sustainability.

Countries all over the world are looking at how they can address the climate crisis, and when it comes to manufacturing, they are going to need the right technologies. To meet this rising demand for sustainable industry, we must step up as a Country and do what we do best -- innovate. And that leads to the creation of good, homegrown American jobs that support a sustainable manufacturing industry.

I appreciate the leadership of my colleague Representative Casten, who is leading the bipartisan, bicameral Clean Industrial Technology Act of 2019 which aims to do just that.