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The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raul Grijalva  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Natural Resources  
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Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, thank you for holding today's markup of legislation to bolster U.S. energy security and competitiveness.

The committee's focus on strengthening domestic energy and resource production and permitting reform are critical to emboldening U.S. manufacturers' competitiveness in the global economy. Manufacturers in the U.S. employ 13 million people and add more than \$2.8 trillion dollars to the U.S. economy. Indeed, America's continued success and leadership depend on a strong, competitive manufacturing industry.

One of the biggest obstacles preventing manufacturers—and therefore the entire American economy—from reaching our full potential are permitting delays, red tape and complicated bureaucracy that have plagued us for decades. As manufacturers work to modernize our infrastructure and shore up our supply chains, the need for permitting reform, critical mineral mining and refining and energy security is more urgent than it has ever been.

The NAM thanks you for your efforts to strengthen U.S. manufacturing and we look forward to continuing to work with you to achieve a workable regulatory system that enhances domestic energy production while maintaining the highest level of environmental stewardship.

Thank you again for your focus on these crucial issues.

Sincerely,

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