

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Small Business

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

DATE: November 17, 2025

RE: Full Committee Hearing Titled: “Made in the USA: How Main Street is Revitalizing Domestic Manufacturing”

On **Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 10:00 AM ET**, the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing titled “**Made in the USA: How Main Street is Revitalizing Domestic Manufacturing.**” The meeting will convene in room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the state of American manufacturing, including how Made in USA businesses are driving innovation, job creation, and economic growth.

I. Witnesses

- **Mr. Charles Crain**, Managing Vice President, Policy, National Association of Manufacturers
- **Mr. Harry Moser**, Founder and President, Reshoring Initiative
- **Mr. Kurt Voss**, CEO, AmeriLux Family of Companies
- **Ms. Shirley Modlin**, Co-Owner, 3D Design and Manufacturing

II. Background

The American manufacturing industry powers the U.S. economy, with small businesses and entrepreneurs leading a historic wave of reshoring and reinvestment. After decades of offshoring, Main Street is bringing production home, restoring American jobs, and strengthening supply chains.

Domestic manufacturing is essential for America’s economic strength, national security, and consumer protection. In the first quarter of 2025, the U.S. manufacturing sector contributed \$2.9 trillion to the economy and employed over 13 million Americans.¹ Manufacturing fuels U.S. global

¹ *Manufacturing in the United States*, NAT’L ASS’N MANUFACTURERS, <https://nam.org/mfgdata/> (last visited October 20, 2025).

competitiveness, representing 53 percent of private-sector research and development and \$1.6 trillion in exports in 2024.² With hundreds of thousands of current job openings and 3.8 million new manufacturing positions projected by 2033, expanding U.S. manufacturing is critical for innovation and economic stability.

The U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Made in America Manufacturing Initiative seeks to cut \$100 billion in regulatory red tape, increase support for small manufacturers in the SBA 7(a) and 504 loan programs, and connect small manufacturers to domestic supply chains through the Make Onshoring Great Again Portal.³ Reshoring and onshoring efforts have already produced significant results. In 2024, over 200,000 manufacturing jobs were created or announced through foreign investment.⁴ Since 2010, more than two million jobs have been added through reshoring initiatives, which have bolstered industries such as steel and manufacturing, creating thousands of new domestic jobs.⁵

Advanced manufacturing and the adoption of new technologies, including automation, AI-driven analytics, and flexible digital platforms, drive innovation in the industry. Despite these opportunities, many small manufacturers face challenges of limited access to capital, a lack of technical expertise, and difficulty integrating new systems with legacy machinery and software. Rapid innovation cycles, data security concerns, and regulatory barriers further complicate the modernization process.

To address the need for modernization and workforce growth, the Trump Administration has expanded grant and loan programs targeting small manufacturers to support investments in automation, AI, and other advanced technologies.⁶ Building a skilled manufacturing workforce is critical to sustaining domestic production and reshoring efforts. Without a sufficiently trained labor pool, millions of manufacturing jobs could remain unfilled by 2030, costing the U.S. economy an estimated \$1 trillion.⁷

III. Conclusion

Main Street entrepreneurs, innovators, and small manufacturers are proving that “Made in USA” is a competitive advantage in the global market. With continued investments in innovation, workforce development, and domestic production, the U.S. is positioned to lead in the Golden Age of industrial strength and economic independence.

² *Id.*

³ News Release, U.S. Small Bus. Admin., SBA Announces Made in America Manufacturing Initiative (Mar. 10, 2025); News Release, U.S. Small Bus. Admin., SBA Launches Onshoring Portal to Advance America’s Economic Comeback (May 20, 2025).

⁴ RESHORING INITIATIVE, RESHORING INITIATIVE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT (2025).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ News Release, U.S. Small Bus. Admin., SBA Launches First-Ever Loan Program Dedicated to American Manufacturers (Sept. 3, 2025).

⁷ Harry Moser & Kathy Nunnally, *A Stronger Skilled Workforce Would Boost Reshoring*, INDUSTRYWEEK (Jul. 14, 2025).