

Committee on Energy and Commerce
Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery
of
The Honorable Paul D. Tonko
Markup of Six Bills
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Thank you, Chairman Pallone, Ranking member McMorris-Rodgers.

The Manufacturing.gov Act is a vital piece of legislation that supports American manufacturers – boosting our economy, job growth, and global competitiveness.

The COVID crisis has strained our supply chains and limited factory production abilities, overwhelmingly hurting the middle-class workers who drive our nation’s industry.

Congress has a duty to support manufacturers and their workers in every way possible, and that includes making it easier to navigate what federal resources are available to them.

The Manufacturing.gov Act offers a simple bipartisan solution to do just that.

This legislation establishes a one-stop hub to centralize the 58 different federal manufacturing programs that span 11 federal agencies.

It also encourages public feedback by offering an online avenue for people to submit comments and concerns regarding the programs.

Now is the time to secure our supply chain and give local manufacturers, in my home state of New York and across the country, the tools they need to identify the federal support that will help them flourish.

I want to thank Representatives Axne and Upton for being great collaborators on this bill and urge my colleagues to come together to bolster U.S. manufacturing.

I yield back the remainder of my time.