

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone:

Thank you for holding the October 14 legislative hearing titled “Investing in American Jobs: Legislation to Strengthen Manufacturing and Competitiveness” and for including as part of the hearing H.R. 5495, the bipartisan Building Resilient Supply Chains Act, a bill I introduced earlier this month alongside Rep. Adam Kinzinger and Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester.

The Building Resilient Supply Chains Act creates a Supply Chain Resiliency and Crisis Response Office within the U.S. Department of Commerce and authorizes the Office to make grants and loans to support the expansion of domestic manufacturing of critical goods and services, industrial equipment, and manufacturing technology.

U.S. economic and national security will depend in part on whether the federal government invests meaningfully in creating resilient supply chains to guard against unexpected shocks, whether they’re caused by market or economic forces, global conflicts, natural disasters, or public health crises. Disruptions throughout the COVID-19 pandemic have clarified the need to strengthen U.S. supply chains and ensure that we are never dependent on strategic adversaries like China for the goods we need to keep America safe and secure.

Whether it’s the PPE that protects us from disease, the chips that power our cars, computers, and cellphones, or the key materials used in electric vehicles and solar panels, we need to shore up our capacity to produce these things here at home – and that’s what this bill will enable us to do. The Building Resilient Supply Chains Act will make the U.S. safer at home and more competitive abroad for decades to come, while creating good-paying jobs in New Jersey and throughout the country.

Thank you for your leadership on these important issues and I look forward to continuing to work with you and the Committee to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,



Tom Malinowski
Member of Congress