

EXPAND AMERICAN PRODUCTION, HIRING, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Invest in American Jobs. Apply "Buy America" preferences to all federal procurement and federal-aid infrastructure projects to make sure our hard-earned tax dollars support good American jobs.

Defend America with American-Made Equipment. Support military readiness by leveraging defense procurement to increase the domestic content of our military equipment, technology, and supplies. Particular emphasis should be placed on investing in domestic capacity to produce mission-critical items and materials.

Use the Tax Code to Incentivize Domestic Manufacturing. Reshape the tax code to maintain and expand incentives for job creation and inward investment. We should lower tax rates for manufacturing activity in America and expand up-front expensing for plant and equipment purchases.

INVEST IN AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Replace and Rebuild America's Roads and Bridges. Fund a large-scale, long-term infrastructure program to follow on the more modest 2012 MAP-21 surface transportation reauthorization. Sustained, assured funding sources are vital to attracting new plant investment and building supply chains throughout America.

Prepare for the Next Super Storm. Prepare in advance of catastrophic events by addressing chokepoints within the complex and vulnerable global supply chain, building domestic production capacity, and ensuring resilience through thoughtful risk mitigation strategies. A robust, diverse, and resilient domestic manufacturing sector is critical to this effort.

Leverage Private Sector Money to Invest in America. Leverage public and private investment in large-scale transportation and energy projects by using creative investment measures, such as a national infrastructure bank that delivers low-cost loans or loan guarantees and emphasizes using domestic content to the maximum extent possible.

MAKE TRADE WORK FOR AMERICA

Combat Currency Manipulation and Foreign Subsidies. Pass legislation to give U.S. companies and workers direct relief from currency manipulation and level the playing field by recognizing and offsetting subsidies to foreign state-owned enterprises. In trade agreements, we must keep our trade laws strong and strictly enforced and include mechanisms to deter and penalize currency manipulation.

Reduce the Trade Deficit. Doubling American exports is an admirable goal, but it will do little good unless the trade deficit is substantially reduced. The \$703 billion U.S. goods trade deficit in 2013 stymied economic growth; almost half (\$318.4 billion) of this was due to unbalanced trade with China. Adding manufacturing jobs by addressing unfair trade will increase federal revenues and reduce the budget deficit.

ENHANCE OUR WORKFORCE

Educate Americans for Jobs. Devote additional educational investment to rebuilding our vocational and technical skills programs, which would build more career and training pathways to connect workers with jobs in the manufacturing sector. Recognizing skills needs on a regional and local level will spur cooperative public-private training programs.

REBUILD AMERICA'S INNOVATION BASE

Fully Fund the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI). The President and Congress should fully fund the NNMI institutes to spur innovation and build on the success of America Makes, the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute in Youngstown, Ohio.

Enhance the R&D Tax Credit. Increase the incentive for industry to invest in research and development and tie this benefit to domestic production.

Invest in Energy Efficiency. Pave the way to a sustainable economy by promoting energy conservation and security, providing incentives to retrofit public buildings with American-made materials and by supporting private sector efforts to increase industrial energy efficiency.

Blueprint for the Future



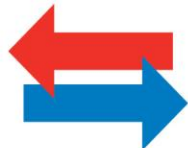
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