

July 26, 2022

Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leaders McConnell and McCarthy:

On behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM) – a partnership between some of America’s leading manufacturers and the United Steelworkers – I write to urge that Congress prioritize legislative action on modernizing U.S. trade enforcement tools and other policies of importance to American manufacturing and its workers during the remainder of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. While we strongly support the public investments in semiconductors and U.S. innovation in the pending competitiveness and innovation legislation, Congress’ work is not complete without addressing the critical unfair trade threats posed by China and other countries.

Public investments in America’s industrial sector and critical research capacities – including semiconductors – has proven to be essential for bolstering U.S. economic and national security amidst our response to the global pandemic, ongoing disruptions associated with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and China’s increasingly aggressive economic, trade, and military posture. However, these investments must not be the only action taken by Congress to enhance U.S. competitiveness, as many of the most effective tools to address these challenges have been removed from the United States Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) / the America COMPETES Act.

- Congressional action is urgently needed to address the systematic unfair trade practices of China and many other countries who promote market distorting policies designed to undercut American workers and U.S. production by passing the **Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 (S. 1187 / H.R. 6121)**. This bipartisan legislation modernizes our antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) trade remedy laws to keep up with new and evolving unfair trade tactics used by foreign competition to seize U.S. market share.
- Moreover, it is imperative that Congress act quickly to **reauthorize Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)** for these same workers who experience job losses or wage reductions resulting from unfair and other trade disruptions. TAA benefits are already disrupted for workers who experience layoffs after June 30, 2022.
- Establishment of an outbound investment review process would warn of and avert the offshoring of production capacity to foreign adversaries in critical U.S. sectors. Congress should pass the bipartisan **National Critical Capabilities Defense Act (S. 1854 / H.R.**

**6329)** as standalone legislation or as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

- Congress should make commonsense reforms to our flawed *de minimis* policy that as currently structured invites duty evasion and systematic abuse of Customs enforcement by passing the **Import Security and Fairness Act (H.R. 6412)**.

We appreciate that Congress is making public investments in America's industrial sector and critical research capacities, but more work is required to level the playing field for American manufacturing and its workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott N. Paul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail.

Scott N. Paul  
President  
Alliance for American Manufacturing