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The Honorable Haley Stevens  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
227 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stevens,

I am writing on behalf of AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology to thank you and your cosponsors for introducing the American Manufacturing Leadership Act (H.R. 2397) which strengthens the Manufacturing USA program.

AMT is a trade association representing U.S.-based designers, builders and distributors of manufacturing technology – the advanced machinery, devices, and digital equipment that U.S. manufacturing relies on to be productive, innovative, and competitive. Their products are at the foundation of our national security and economic growth. Many have locations in your district.

Hailing from the great state of Michigan, you are aware that manufacturing is not an industry of the past but rather the future. Advancements in AI, the Internet of Things, 3d printing, automation, real-time data analytics and more are fundamentally changing the landscape at an accelerating pace. Businesses know they must adapt, adopt and integrate new technologies into their operations to stay competitive but often lack the money, people and know-how to do it alone – particularly the small and medium-sized businesses highlighted in your bill.

The Manufacturing USA program harnesses the power of public-private collaboration to increase the innovation, commercialization and application of game-changing manufacturing technologies that create jobs and increase U.S. competitiveness. AMT strongly supports reauthorization of this program with adequate funding. We agree with the bill's sponsors that it's also important that institutes play an expanded role in workforce development and regional innovation.

Thank you, Congresswoman Stevens, for your leadership in introducing this important bipartisan legislation. Thank you also to your cosponsors. AMT appreciates you standing up for the future of manufacturing and will work with you to enact H.R. 2397.

Sincerely,



Doug Woods, President