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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 4380, the U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act, also known as the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB).

The MTB is one of the most important short-term actions Congress can take to preserve and expand good American jobs, cut the costs of doing business in the United States and boost American manufacturing exports. U.S. manufacturers large and small use the MTB's tariff suspension provisions to obtain raw materials, proprietary inputs and other products that are not available in our nation.

Without the MTB, the cost of these companies' products will inevitably increase, forcing them to pass higher costs on to consumers and making their products less competitive. These higher costs translate into lost jobs for American workers.

The MTB process is wholly transparent and open to the public. Each proposed duty suspension is subject to a meticulous and non-partisan vetting process to ensure that no domestic producers of the affected product exist. The International Trade Commission, U.S. Commerce Department, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Management and Budget and the congressional committees of jurisdiction collaborate to review each proposed duty suspension.

A July 2009 study by economist Andrew Szamosszegi of Capital Trade, Inc. concluded that, if enacted, the MTB would increase U.S. production by \$4.6 billion and support almost 90,000 jobs. Costs savings realized under the MTB allow U.S. companies to maintain competitive operations, invest in new facilities and re-train workers. Few bills give Members of Congress such a clear opportunity to support American manufacturing jobs. We urge your support for H.R. 4380.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that all votes related to H.R. 4380, including procedural motions and votes under suspension, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote