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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), I am writing to express manufacturers' support for the passage of the "Regulatory Relief for Small Businesses, Schools, and Nonprofits Act," H.R. 6094, introduced by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI).

The NAM is the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. Manufacturing employs nearly 12 million men and women, contributes more than \$1.8 trillion to the U.S. economy annually, has the largest economic impact of any major sector, and accounts for two-thirds of private sector research and development. The NAM is the leading advocate for a policy agenda that helps manufacturers compete in the global economy and create jobs across the United States.

H.R. 6094 will delay, by six months, the implementation of the new overtime regulation finalized by the Department of Labor in May. The new regulation doubles the current salary test threshold, from \$23,660 to \$47,476 and also proscribes an automatic increase from this amount to occur every three years. The rule is scheduled to go into effect on December 1. Due to this significant increase, smaller manufacturers and those in rural areas will face enormous impacts in a short period of time. In fact, according to a study released by the Center for Manufacturing Research, the overtime regulation alone will cost manufacturers "\$24 billion in compliance and consist of 25 million hours of paperwork over the next ten years."

The NAM appreciates the leadership of Congressman Walberg on this issue and urges the passage of the "Regulatory Relief for Small Businesses, Schools, and Nonprofits Act," H.R. 6094.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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