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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support Mr. Bernard L. McNamee to serve as a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The FERC plays a critical role in ensuring Americans can count on the best energy infrastructure in the world. Moving energy safely and efficiently to where it is needed requires a modern and highly interconnected system. Energy infrastructure is delivering opportunity across America, and manufacturers cannot afford to delay progress on new projects. Investments to enhance our energy infrastructure to improve safety, efficiency, affordability, reliability and security are placed in jeopardy when FERC seats are left empty. Robust energy infrastructure creates jobs, improves safety and spurs domestic investment.

Restoring a full suite of commissioners at FERC is a critical step toward a stronger future, and we ask that you do so as quickly as possible. With each passing day that key independent agencies like FERC have leadership vacancies, manufacturers in the United States are missing out on new business opportunities – to the detriment of local economies and American jobs. I urge you to move forward.

Manufacturers support the swift confirmation of Mr. Bernard L. McNamee to enable the Commission to carry out decisions that support U.S. manufacturers. The nominee is a proven leader with the necessary experience and policy insights to help strengthen American energy infrastructure.

Sincerely,



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CC: Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources