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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 702, a bill to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, introduced by Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX).

World Trade Organization (WTO) rules are critical to ensure a fair and level playing field for manufacturers throughout every sector of the U.S. economy, particularly in the face of other countries' efforts to restrict access to key materials. As a member of the WTO, the United States is bound to comply with these same rules prohibiting any imposition of quantitative limits on all products, including crude oil exports. The decades-old ban on crude oil exports is contrary to the basic provisions of the WTO that were created to help prevent unfair distortions to trade.

H.R. 702 would repeal the ban on crude oil exports, place the U.S. into compliance with its international commitments and send a strong message to the global community that we intend to honor the basic rules of the global economy.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 702, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 114th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aric Newhouse'.

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Key Manufacturing Vote