**2016 MTB Talking Points**

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* Congress has a critical opportunity this year to eliminate unfair and anticompetitive taxes on manufacturers by passing a new Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) process.
* The bipartisan, bicameral “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016” (H.R. 4923 in the House and S. 2794 in the Senate) would establish a new MTB process to eliminate unnecessary taxes on imported inputs and products not available domestically.
* New MTB legislation would get rid of longstanding distortions in the U.S. tariff code through the elimination of taxes on imported products not available in the United States.
* The MTB would help manufacturers, especially small- and medium-sized manufacturers, in industries ranging from agriculture and electronics to textiles, chemicals and beyond, supporting jobs, promoting innovation and enhancing these companies’ global competitiveness.
* The last MTB passed by Congress expired on December 31, 2012. Since then, companies have faced an annual $748 million tax hike on manufacturing in the United States and a $1.857 billion economic loss to the U.S. economy, according to the National Association of Manufacturers.
* The MTB package Congress considered in 2010 was estimated to support 90,000 domestic manufacturing jobs, increase U.S. production by $4.6 billion and expand U.S. GDP by $3.5 billion.
* Action on a new MTB process is long overdue. We strongly urge Congress to work quickly and jointly to pass a new MTB process that will eliminate distortions in the U.S. tariff code that are undermining the competitiveness and job growth of our industries.

Key messaging for House outreach:

* Reach out to Ways and Means Committee staff – Nasim Fussell (for Republicans) and Keigan Mull (for Democrats) – to co-sponsor the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016” (H.R. 4923)

Key messaging for Senate outreach:

* Reach out to Senate Finance Committee staff – Doug Peterson (for Republicans) and Greta Peisch (for Democrats) – to co-sponsor the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016” (S. 2794).