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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

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. 3865, the Stop Targeting of Political Beliefs by the IRS Act, introduced by Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI).

The NAM supports First Amendment freedoms because our nation remains strong when job creators exercise their Constitutional rights and speak out about public policies that impact growth and U.S. job creation. Manufacturers support H.R. 3865 because it will halt an overreaching IRS regulation that targets political activities guaranteed under the First Amendment. Its purpose is to hinder groups, which give voice to their members' views and priorities. The Supreme Court repeatedly has recognized that voluntary associations are key participants in the public debate and that the government's attempt to stifle their voice violates the First Amendment.

The proposed IRS regulations, which this legislation would halt, will put us on a path to weakening those rights by eventually placing overly broad restrictions on corporations, associations and unions. Stopping the IRS from finalizing this rule will protect First Amendment freedoms.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that all votes related to H.R. 3865, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 113th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote