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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

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. 2126, the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2014, introduced by Congressmen David McKinley (R-WV) and Peter Welch (D-VT).

Energy efficiency and conservation offer immediate and cost-effective opportunities to reduce energy cost inputs both in the public and private sectors. Today's commercial, public and residential buildings use almost 40 percent of the energy consumed in this country. Manufacturers produce the equipment, technologies, and supplies used to upgrade the energy efficiency of our buildings. We believe by expanding the use of energy efficiency equipment and technologies we will reduce energy demand and in doing so improve our nation's energy security.

The NAM strongly supports the objectives of H.R. 2126, which would improve energy efficiency in commercial, residential and federal government-owned buildings. It would allow the continued manufacture and use of large "grid-enabled" electric resistance water heaters when used in electric thermal storage or demand response programs. It would direct the Administration to develop and implement strategies to purchase and use energy-efficient information technologies and to set and track goals. Finally, H.R. 2126 would require the federal government to make energy-efficient upgrades and to benchmark all federally-leased buildings that are not ENERGY STAR qualified.

A wide range of cost-effective energy-efficiency technologies produced by manufacturers are readily available today. Greater product implementation means job growth in manufacturing and will support and create manufacturing jobs.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 2126, including procedural votes, 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