

June 17, 2015

The United States Congress
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

To the Members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives:

The undersigned companies, representing manufacturers of all sizes from a diverse set of industries, support the Law Enforcement Access to Data Stored Abroad Act (H.R. 1174/S.512), or LEADS Act. We urge you to cosponsor this important legislation that will provide legal certainty for our customers and help foster our growth around the world.

Today's connected environment has allowed us to take our businesses global. We transmit strategic communications and sensitive customer information electronically. Our customers trust us that this information will not be shared outside of our business partnership. The LEADS Act will enhance that trust by clarifying and modernizing current law regarding government access to data stored digitally.

The LEADS Act updates current law to balance the real and very important needs of law enforcement and national security while securing the privacy of the communication between us and our customers. The bill will safeguard Americans' electronic data stored abroad and establish a balanced process for how U.S. law enforcement can obtain this data while respecting the sovereign rights of other countries. This international law enforcement cooperation should facilitate the flow of data across borders while also helping to reduce data localizing efforts.

At a time when manufacturing in the United States is launching a comeback, our industry cannot afford to lose business outside of our borders where 95 percent of the market resides. We therefore urge you to support and cosponsor the LEADS Act and prevent any further government overreach that impairs the growth of manufacturers and the jobs they create.

Sincerely,

ALOM Technologies Corporation
Automated Industrial Machinery, Inc.
Blackhawk Molding Company, Inc.
Brian Jones Woodworking
Decker Manufacturing Corporation
Delta Power Hydraulic Company
deVan Sealants, Inc.
EFCO Corp.
Emerson
Gas & Air Systems, Inc.
HE&M, Inc.
Hi-Lex Corporation
Houghton International, Inc.
Iten Industries, Inc.
Lovejoy Chaplet Corp.
Marlin Steel Wire Products LLC

Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Metals Service Center Institute
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
National Association of Manufacturers
(NAM)
National Alliance for Jobs and Innovation
Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers &
Employers Association
Northeast Prestressed Products, LLC
Paulson Manufacturing Corporation
Players Music LLC
Power Curbers, Inc.
Remy International, Inc.
Rockwell Automation
Terex Corporation
Texas Association of Manufacturers

The Manitowoc Company, Inc.
Thermcraft, Inc.
Uniweld Products, Inc.
Verizon Communications
The Vinum Corporation
WilliamsRDM, Inc.
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