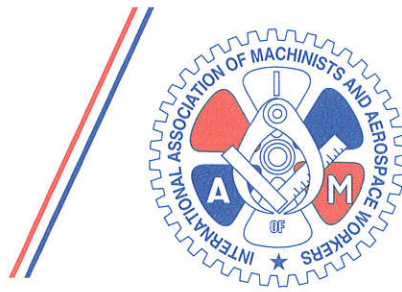


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Dear Representative,

I strongly urge you to become a cosponsor of the Jobs and Trade Competitiveness Act, H.R. 2756, being submitted by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Ranking Member of the Trade Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee. This important trade legislation would reset our trade policies by encouraging insourcing and by significantly strengthening the enforcement of existing trade agreements.

Instead of rewarding companies that offshore domestic production, as our current tax laws do, the legislation would provide a 20 percent tax credit for the costs related to moving production back to the U.S., and tax provisions that incentivize the offshoring of work would be closed. This means that American taxpayers would no longer be subsidizing the outsourcing of their jobs.

The Jobs and Trade Competitiveness Act would also empower the Department of Commerce to impose countervailing duties on countries that unfairly manipulate their currency to gain a competitive advantage in the global marketplace.

Additionally, trade enforcement would be significantly improved with the creation of an Office of Congressional Trade Enforcer to make sure that our trading partners are actually playing by the rules. Importantly, the bill would establish a Trade Enforcement Trust Fund to ensure that enforcement actions are properly funded, and a new position of Chief Trade Prosecutor within the Executive Branch would be charged with overseeing enforcement actions.

These and other provisions, such as the creation of a Chief Manufacturing Negotiator to promote American manufacturing, will be critical to improving U. S. trade policy and ensuring that our trade policies will be beneficial to working families. To cosponsor Ranking Member Pascrell's common sense legislation, contact Keigan Mull, International Trade Counsel of the Ways and Means Committee--Democratic Staff, at Keigan.Mull@mail.house.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (202) 420-5902.

Sincerely,

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