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Moderator: Archana Sahgal

1 Coordinator: We would like to inform all parties today's conference is being recorded. If
2 you have any objections, you may disconnect. And thank you. You may
3 begin.

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5 (Susan Smith): Thank you, operator. Okay. Thank you all. We have a reduced meeting due to
6 telecommunication issues. And to avoid new FR with required 21 days'
7 notice, I think it's essential that we focus any and all conversation on the two
8 letters under review. So with that I will commit to meet with any of the co-
9 chairs or council members that require an off line meeting to discuss issues

1 that they were going to bring up in the round table. (Pearl) and (Cody), if
2 you're on line, I will specifically ask you. I will touch base and we will
3 schedule an off line meeting. With that, Archana, could you please take a roll
4 call?

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6 Archana Sahgal: Definitely. Thank you, (Susan). I will take roll call leading with the member.
7 And if the member is not available, please, if the staff rep could identify
8 themselves that would be very helpful. Thank you. (Jan Alman).

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10 (Angela Chen): (Angela Chen) calling in for (Jan Alman).

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12 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Kristi Long Barrett).

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14 (Kristi Long Barrett): Present.

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16 Archana Sahgal: (Carole Craig). (Brad Cruz).

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18 (Brad Cruz): Present.

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20 Archana Sahgal: (Robert Dugan). (Craig Freidman).

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22 (Yolanda Sullivan): (Yolanda Sullivan) in for (Craig Freidman).

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24 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Ron Freidman).

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26 (Ron Freidman): Present.

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28 Archana Sahgal: (Cody Freidman).

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30 (Cody Freidman): I'm here. Good morning.

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2 Archana Sahgal: Good morning. (Hero Jatakata).

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4 (Hero Jatakata): I am here. Good morning.

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6 Archana Sahgal: (Al Green).

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8 (Albert Green): Present.

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10 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Dawn Grove).

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12 (Dawn Grove): Here. Yes. Thank you.

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14 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Jenny Houston).

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16 (Jenny Houston): I'm here. Thanks.

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18 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Eric Kelley). (James Keppler).

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20 (James Keppler): Yes, present.

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22 Archana Sahgal: (Claudine Martinez).

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24 (Claudine Martinez): Present.

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26 Archana Sahgal: (Zack Model).

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28 (Zack Model): Present.

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30 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Roger Neilson).

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2 (Roger Neilson): Here.
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4 Archana Sahgal: (Timothy Ramirez). (Charice Sprigg). (Andre Rush).
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6 (Nicki Steel): (Nicki Steel) is present for (Andre Rush).
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8 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Marsha Thrillen). (Irwin Schwartz). (Susan Smith).
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10 (Susan Smith): I'm here.
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12 Archana Sahgal: (Joe Sylvestrong).
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14 (Corey Roberts): (Corey Roberts) is on for (Joe Sylvestrong).
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16 Archana Sahgal: Thank you, (Corey). (Jeff Wilcox).
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18 (Jeff Wilcox): Yes. Good morning. (Jeff's) here.
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20 Archana Sahgal: Good morning. (Lubick Lewis). (Ray Yeager).
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22 (Ray Yeager) Present.
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24 Archana Sahgal: (Bill Urgen).
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26 (Terri Snyder) (Terri) calling in for (Bill Urgen).
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28 Archana Sahgal: Thank you, (Terri). And with that roll call is complete.
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1 (Susan Smith): Thank you, Archana. Again we're going to be doing the review of the export
2 import bank recommendation and also review of the MTB HTF
3 recommendation. Both coming from the Tack Trade Policy Subcommittee. I
4 would like to pass the microphone to (Angie) and (Terri) who will be making
5 these presentations and walking through the letters for us. (Angie), you want
6 to take the leader.

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8 (Angela Chen): Thank you, Madame Chairwoman (Smith) and (Martinez). My name is
9 (Angela Chen) on behalf of (Jan Alman) and (Bill Urgan) the co-chairs of the
10 Trade Tax Policy and Export Growth Committee along with other members of
11 our committee, it's my honor to present to the manufacturing council for
12 consideration and adoption a letter of recommendation of support for
13 reauthorization of the import export bank. Ex-Im --as the bank is most
14 commonly referred to -- provides trade financing solutions for exports of US
15 goods and services not provided by the private banking sector.

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17 We want to underscore that this is a reaffirmation of this council's existing
18 unwavering position and recommendation as expressed previously just last
19 year on our recommendation letter on trade issues dated October 2014. In that
20 letter, we underscored the critical meaningful impact that Ex-Im has on the
21 competitiveness on US manufacturing. In particular for small and medium
22 sized enterprises by providing access to financing support and mechanisms
23 not otherwise available or as easily obtainable. Ex-Im allows US
24 manufacturing greater and necessary ability to expand production and
25 exporting wage both directly and through supply chains. Thereby assisting US
26 manufacturers and managing the risk of extending credit to buyer outside the
27 United States. Objective data and studies too numerous to reference here
28 today demonstrate the effectiveness of Ex-Im industrial base.

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1 Despite its 80 plus year track record of success, Congress allowed Ex-Im
2 authorization to expire earlier this year. The result of much confusion and
3 mischaracterization of Ex-Im 's charter and impacts generated by what appears
4 mostly an ideological debate. Failure by Congress to quickly act and
5 reauthorize the Ex-Im bank will be a great detriment to the competitiveness
6 and growth potential of our industry and global exports beyond just the US
7 manufacturing industry. The committee thus urges the council to adopt this
8 proffered letter of recommendation of support and thereby add the US
9 manufacturing voice to the course of those already urging that Congress move
10 forward in pursuing full and prompt re-establishment of the Ex-Im Bank
11 authority.

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13 The letter presented today incorporates comments received during the drafting
14 and the preliminary review phase from all members of the council, subject
15 matter experts and others with whom the TTPEG committee consulted.
16 Accordingly, I do want to take the quick opportunity to briefly point out the
17 addition of a more detailed section explaining how Ex-Im assists small and
18 medium sized enterprises in particular. This additional language is found at
19 the end of the third full paragraph of the letter. Another comment arose from a
20 formatting issue in that the form of the original draft that we circulated did not
21 make clear that we included a quote verbatim in the council's October 2014
22 letter. We point this out simply to explain that this is why proposed revisions
23 to that exert were not incorporated.

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25 At last the question was asked to us as to whether we could reference a
26 specific bill addressing reauthorization of Ex-Im. Although this issue was
27 under consideration as an amendment to the Highway Transportation Funding
28 Bill which was taken up in July, there was no specific bill under consideration
29 by Congress at this time with respect to authorization of Ex-Im. The
30 committee believes this only serves to underscore the time sensitivity and

1 urgency of the council's adoption of this letter. As the reauthorization of Ex-
2 Im must be prioritized in order to prevent yet further damage to the US
3 economy in particular to the US manufacturing interest. Madame Chair, I
4 yield the floor back to you both. Thank you.

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6 (Susan Smith): Thank you. I would like to open the meeting with discussions with regard to
7 the letter and an effort to do this in the most time efficient method, Archana, I
8 would request that you use the roll call to provide comments.

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10 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. Wonderful. And then actually at this time, (Angie), (Angie Chen)
11 are you able to - I know that out of the subcommittee there was a letter the
12 letter actually (unintelligible) and my understanding is that we were going to
13 you were going to run through the changes that you were able to incorporate
14 by the members of the manufacturing council and go through the changes that
15 were not incorporated before we go through our roll call? Is that correct?

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17 (Angela Chen): I actually just did.

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19 Archana Sahgal: You just did. Sorry.

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21 (Angela Chen): There were actually very, very few changes that were recommended to this
22 particular letter.

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24 Archana Sahgal: Okay. I heard two. But I didn't realize that we just run through all the changes.
25 So with that, let me go through roll call quickly. So (Jan Alman) and (Angie).
26 So (Kristi Long Barrett), any feedback or changes or edits or input?

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28 (Kristi Long Barrett): None from me. This is (Kristi Long Barrett).

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1 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Carol Craig) is not on the call. I just got an e-mail from her. What
2 about (Brad Cruz)?

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4 (Brad Cruz): No changes. We support.

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6 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Robert Dugan), have you joined the call?

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8 (Robert Dugan): No changes. I support.

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10 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Yolanda) on behalf of (Craig Freidman)? Thank you. (Robert
11 Friedman)?

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13 (Robert Friedman): No changes.

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15 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Cody Freidman)? Thank you. (Hero Jatakata)?

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17 (Hero Jatakata): I support the letter as is.

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19 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Albert Green).

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21 (Albert Green) I support the letter as is.

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23 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Jenny Houston).

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25 (Jenny Houston): I support the letter as is.

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27 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Eric Kelley), have you joined the phone call? Moving on. (James
28 Keppler)?

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30 (James Keppler): I fully support the letter as is.

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2 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Claudine Martinez)?

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4 (Claudine Martinez): Yes. It's (Claudine). I appreciate everyone for their diligence in getting
5 this out so quickly given the timeframe and I support.

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7 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Zack Model).

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9 (Zack Model): I support the letter and look forward to its adoption.

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11 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Roger Neilson).

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13 (Roger Neilson): 100% support from our side. Thank you.

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15 Archana Sahgal: (Timothy Ramirez), have you joined the phone call? (Charice Sprigg), have
16 you joined. (Nicki Steele) on behalf of (Andre Rush)? Thank you. (Marsha
17 Thrillen)?

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19 (Marsha Thrillen): I support the letter?

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21 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Susan Smith)?

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23 (Susan Smith): I support the letter.

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25 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Corey Roberts) on behalf of the (Joseph Sylvestrong).

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27 (Corey Roberts): No changes. Thank you.

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29 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Jeff Wilcox)?

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1 (Jeff Wilcox): Yes, I support the letter.
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3 Archana Sahgal: (Lubick Lewis), have you joined the phone call? (Ray Yeager)?
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5 (Ray Yeager): No changes recommended. I support the letter.
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7 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. Any other comments (Terri Snyder) on behalf of (Bill Urgan)?
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9 (Terri Snyder): No, I support the letter.
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11 Archana Sahgal: Great. Thank you. And the roll call is complete.
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13 (Dawn Grove): Excuse me. This is (Dawn Grove). I think I got missed in the not in the roll
14 call but in the call in the letter.
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16 Archana Sahgal: Oh, my apologies, (Dawn). Any changes, input or feedback?
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18 (Dawn Grove): No problem at all. I realized that one section was a quote but I still had but I
19 still showed a missing word in that quote. If they could just double check on
20 that. I'm great with the substance of the letter. Thank you.
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22 Archana Sahgal: We will definitely check on the accuracy of the complete quote. Thank you.
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24 (Dawn Grove): Thank you.
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26 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. With that, I turn it over back to (Susan). Madame Chair?
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28 (Susan Smith): Thank you very much. I think we need so have we complied with all the
29 requirements regarding deliberation and vote, can we move on?
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1 (Angie Chen): We have. Thank you. We have formally deliberated this letter in a public
2 setting and we have taken a vote. And, Madame Chair, just for you to call that
3 the vote is taken and that the letter is approved is the only step that we need
4 next.

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6 (Susan Smith): Okay. Someone joined the call?

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8 (Ray Yeager): Actually, yes. It was (Ray Yeager). I lost the call so I called back in.

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10 (Susan Smith): Okay. Thanks, (Ray). So I will formally declare this letter approved by the
11 Manufacturing Council. I would like to thank the subcommittee for this work
12 and also for their diligence and speed in crafting both letters. I'm going to ask
13 (Angie) if you would move to the second letter, please.

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15 (Angela Chen): I will do so. And thank you again, Madame Chair (Smith), as well as the
16 patience of the other council members. On behalf of the Trade Committee, it's
17 also my honor to present to council for consideration adoption our second
18 proposed letter of recommendation support. This one focuses on two issues
19 particularly pertinent and critical to the US manufacturing sector. Specifically,
20 first, the requirement for investment and continued funding for the federal
21 transportation infrastructure and, second, establishment of transparent
22 sustained profits of passage of miscellaneous tariff bills.

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24 The time sensitivity and urgency for the committee's presentation of this letter
25 recommendation support are driven by the fact that both of these matters has
26 material impact on the US manufacturing industry and are currently the
27 subject of legislation pending before Congress now.

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29 As with our proceeding discussion on the need of Ex-Im reauthorization, the
30 committee believes strongly that the council must add its voice to the course

1 of others attempting to draw attention to these integral tools for establishing
2 and maintaining the global competitiveness of the US manufacturing
3 industrial base. We believe there is no dispute regarding the critical
4 importance and need for committed and sustained investments and the federal
5 transportation infrastructure both have to surface in their own time.

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7 Due to the vast nature of our nation's transportation, is the inherent need for
8 large scale and longer term planning for investment and financing and a clear
9 connection of the transportation infrastructure to the US economy and job
10 creation. We recommend that council make clear through this letter that we
11 believe Congress should, one, support multi-year legislature and funding and
12 financing of the national transportation infrastructure, two, establish a national
13 strategy for transportation infrastructure, and, three, think out of the box and
14 the types of arrangements that could possibly support or add to the necessary
15 funding of such investment including the encouragement of private sector
16 financing.

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18 On the matter of the miscellaneous tariff bills or MTBs, MTBs temporarily
19 suspended typically to one to three years duties on imported goods that are not
20 available domestically but are needed by US manufacturing companies. MTBs
21 provide effective relief to US manufacturers that would otherwise be forced to
22 pay duties that drive up the cost of imported products such as chemicals and
23 specialty parts.

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25 Accordingly MTBs have been relatively noncontroversial as the tariffs at issue
26 usually involve products no longer made or that have been made in the United
27 States. There is just no adverse impact to domestic competition arising from
28 MTBs. Rather MTBs represent a removal of a constraint and burden that
29 would otherwise be imposed solely a US manufacturer. Corresponding

1 benefits include increased deficiencies and domestic production and the
2 associated release of capital of more productive uses.

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4 Over the past seven decades as outlined in our letter Congress have regularly
5 enacted a series of MTBs that suspend tariffs that recognized self-damaging to
6 the US manufacturing industry. Notwithstanding this last MTB passed by
7 Congress was the United States manufacturing Enhancement Act of 2010
8 Public Law 111-227. This Act was passed in 2009 and expired in December
9 of 2012. Despite supporting an estimated 90,000 manufacturing jobs and
10 increasing US production by \$4.6 billion and also expanding the US GDP by
11 3.5 billion, Congress has failed to pass an MBT since then.

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13 The impact of this failure on US Manufacturing industry has been staggering.
14 We need only look to the significant work and analysis conducted by another
15 body that speaks on behalf of the manufacturing industry --our colleagues at
16 the National Association of Manufacturing -- for the incontrovertible proof.
17 Their studies and analyses show that US businesses across the nation have
18 faced an annual \$748 million tax increase on manufacturing alone and our
19 economy a \$1.875 billion economic loss.

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21 In other words, manufacturers of all sizes and all sectors have seen their costs
22 go up for inputs not produced in the United States. The absence of MTBs
23 undisputedly undermines American competitiveness and our manufacturing
24 industries ability to obtain and create manufacturing here in the US. As
25 outlined in the letter, currently the American Manufacturing Competitive Act
26 of 2015 -- which is currently included as an amendment to the Trade
27 Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act HR644 which has already passed in
28 the Senate -- establishes a transparent, objective and predictable process by
29 which Congress will consider and enact MTBs in the future. The feedback

1 provided to the TTPEG committee overwhelming supports passage of HR644
2 and the concurrent elimination of these distortions in the US Tariff Code.

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4 The letter presented today incorporates inputs and comments received by the
5 committee from industry members, council members and subject matter
6 experts. I would like to touch at this time on certain inputs that were received -
7 - some of ultimately did not result in revisions to the draft -- as clarification or
8 perhaps some discussion of these comments must prove helpful in the
9 council's deliberation of this letter in the event that some of these concerns
10 continue. These inputs fell generally into two areas -- all related to the
11 highway transportation funding.

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13 First, a comment was received regarding our statement that the current
14 investment levels and federal transportation contributes nearly 1% to the
15 production of the nation's goods and services and with the projected
16 contribution of over 610,000 jobs per year over a five year period starting in
17 2014.

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19 The question was asked whether or not this needed further expansion or in
20 fact a comparative analysis would be helpful. We choose to note that the
21 statement was included to underscore the impact that investments have on our
22 federal infrastructure with respect to our national GDP and job creation. It was
23 not an advocacy point per say but rather simply stating the facts that lead to
24 underscore the priority that should be accorded to passage of the legislation.

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26 With respect to the comparative analysis with infrastructure investments made
27 by other countries, awareness of that type of analysis would in fact be helpful
28 from a more broad context. But we decline to stand on this statement in the
29 letter as we felt that a comparative analysis -- while likely illuminating -- was
30 not directly relevant to the immediate need for Congress to prioritize US

1 funding of our nation's transportation infrastructure through legislation
2 currently pending up on the hill. An indirectly related comment also noted a
3 failure to consistently acknowledge that our national transportation
4 infrastructure encompasses both surface maritime water ways. The letter has
5 been revised to address this oversight both in the text and in one of the
6 recommendations.

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8 The second set of inputs related to the third recommendation bullet
9 specifically regarding our recommendation that innovation funding
10 arrangements for transportation infrastructure be explored and implemented.
11 The committee does keep in mind Secretary's request that the manufacturing
12 council strive to present actual recommendations. Although that
13 recommendation itself that innovation funding arrangement explored is not
14 specific. The actionability of this recommendation is in recognizing the
15 constraints of traditional funding mechanism recommendation. And thereby
16 the recommendation is specific to encouraging that policy and decision
17 makers think outside of the box in considering how this critical infrastructure
18 need can be financed.

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20 Related inputs also on the same recommendation bullet addressed our
21 inclusive of the suggestion of a user face -- specifically a gasoline tax which
22 was mentioned in the first draft -- be considered as a funding mechanism. In
23 recognition of the inputs received and a gasoline taxes in particular can
24 generate issue specific differences of opinion which could prove and might
25 serve to distract from our objective of encouraging innovative thinking on
26 how to shape a practical solution to this requirement, we have softened the
27 language to make clear that consumption related fees are but one example of
28 innovation funding arrangements that should be considered and discussion
29 that helps the atmosphere of debate.

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1 Madame Chair, as I close my remarks on the HTFB letter by saying the
2 committee is deeply appreciative of the recognition of the importance of these
3 two issues and the uniqueness of their status in being currently under
4 deliberation on the hill today. And thus the opportunity presented to the
5 council to add its voice of support to these matters import to the US
6 manufacturing industry which we represent by adoption of these letter is
7 greatly again appreciated. I move the floor back to you both.

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9 (Susan Smith): (Ms. Chen), I would thank you for your presentation. I would again would like
10 to open the meeting for discussion and request Archana to coordinate edits
11 and inputs to the letter using the roll call.

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13 Archana Sahgal: Wonderful. Thank you, Madame Chair. We'll start with (Angie Chen) on
14 behalf of (Jan Alman) to see if there is any other additions on the report?

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16 (Angela Chen): No input.

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18 Archana Sahgal: (Kristi Long Barrett)?

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20 (Kristi Long Barrett): No questions on the report. Thank you.

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22 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Carol Craig), were you able to join us? (Brad Cruz)?

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24 (Brad Cruz): I support.

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26 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Robert Dugan)

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28 (Robert Dugan): I support. No questions.

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- 1 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Yolanda Sullivan) on behalf of (Craig Freidman)? Thank you.
2 (Rob Friedman)?
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- 4 (Rob Friedman): I support. No questions.
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- 6 Archana Sahgal: (Cody Freidman)? (Hero Jatakata)?
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- 8 (Hero Jatakata): I support the letter. Thank you.
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- 10 Archana Sahgal: (Albert Green).
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- 12 (Albert Green): I support. Very well done.
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- 14 Archana Sahgal: (Dawn Grove). (Jenny Houston)?
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- 16 (Jenny Houston): I support as well.
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- 18 Archana Sahgal: (Eric Kelley)? (James Keppler)?
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- 20 (James Keppler): No questions or concerns. I support.
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- 22 Archana Sahgal: (Claudine Martinez).
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- 24 (Claudine Martinez): I support.
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- 26 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Zach Model)?
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- 28 (Zach Model) No comments. I support.
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- 30 Archana Sahgal: (Roger Neilson)?

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2 (Roger Neilson): I appreciate the debate so far and the changes and I fully support the letter as
3 written.
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5 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Timothy Ramirez), were you able to join this phone call?
6 (Charice Sprigg)? (Nicki Steele) on behalf of (Andre Rush), any comments?
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8 (Nicki Steele): We support.
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10 Archana Sahgal: (Marsha Thrillen)?
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12 (Marsha Thrillen): I support.
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14 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Irwin Schwartz) Unavailable. (Susan Smith)?
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16 (Susan Smith): I support.
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18 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Corey Roberts) on (Joseph Sylvestrong), any other comments?
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20 (Corey Roberts): No. We support. Thank you.
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22 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Jeff Wilcox).
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24 (Jeff Wilcox): I support the revised letter. I appreciate the committee taking into
25 consideration the comments on the gas tax in particular. I fully support the
26 current letter.
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28 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Lubick Lewis). (Ray Yeager)?
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30 (Ray Yeager): No suggested changes and we support.

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2 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. (Terri Snyder) on behalf of (Bill Urgan).
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4 (Terri Snyder): No changes and we support.
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6 Archana Sahgal: Thank you. And with that, roll call is finished with majority and consensus
7 voting yes. I turn it back to (Susan).
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9 (Susan Smith): Archana, I would like to formally request or confirm that we have complied
10 with all process regarding deliberation and voting?
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12 Archana Sahgal: That is correct. Thank you.
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14 (Susan Smith): Okay. This letter is now officially adopted by the Manufacturing Council.
15 And once again our thanks go to the tax trade policy and export growth
16 subcommittee. We received a significant challenge several months ago from
17 the secretary to provide actionable recommendations and to accelerate our
18 effort and to accelerate our letters in an effort to provide timely input in an
19 election year. And I just want to say that I consider the TTPEG team is setting
20 the standard and I would like to request comments from the Vice Chair.
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22 (Claudine Martinez): I think you said everything. We're under tight time constrain right now. So
23 I defer to you, (Susan).
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25 (Susan Smith): Thank you very much, (Claudine). Okay. We actually have been incredibly
26 efficient with time and we have a little under ten minutes. I would like to call
27 upon (Zach Model) just for a minute or two to give up a very quick update on
28 the Chicago meeting. And (Zach), if you could focus on any outstanding items
29 that you need clarification or agreement on. Thank you.
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1 (Zack Model): Thank you, Madame Chair. I appreciate the time today. We have a great
2 events -- series of events -- planned for the fall meeting in Chicago. I believe
3 everyone should have seen various e-mails requesting you to RSVP for the
4 different series of events. We have a reception planned on the evening of the
5 21st and a dinner planned on the evening planned on the 22nd along with
6 meetings and subcommittee meetings during the day with the official council
7 meeting planned for Friday the 23rd.

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9 So, please, if you have not yet done so go in and mark on the Google
10 document that Archana has kindly created for us your attendance, any special
11 needs or dietary restrictions you may have and also please make sure if your
12 staff members are attending they have RSVP as well so we plan adequately
13 for everyone. It's going to be an exciting meeting, a fun meeting and a
14 productive meeting and I look forward to hosting everyone here.

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16 I also want to thank the folks from the various companies who have offered to
17 support the private reception that we're having -- the co-host for the event. So
18 thank you all for participation and support.

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20 (Susan Smith): Thank you very much.

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22 (Zach Model): Are there any questions I can answer, Madame Chair?

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24 (Susan Smith): Meeting is open for any question or comment. Okay. Thank you very much,
25 (Zach). So in an effort to streamline discussions I'm formally requesting that
26 council send their input regarding specific agenda items to Archana Sahgal
27 and cc myself and the Vice Chair (Claudine Martinez). At this point, Archana,
28 I would like to hand it over to you for a brief update on the Manufacturing
29 Day.

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1 Archana Sahgal: Great. Thank you, Madame Chair. I wanted to thank everyone for really
2 providing as much information as folks can for all the events that are
3 happening in the fall. So just building off what (Zach Model) just shared. We
4 have 90% of folks that have already have RSVP'd for the October Chicago
5 Manufacturing council meeting. That is incredible. We're not even four weeks
6 out and 90% of the folks have RSVP'd. So thank you.

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8 On a related note folks are using the document very clearly to provide input to
9 what you are all doing on the October 2nd Manufacturing day. It's been
10 incredibly helpful. I know that folks don't have all the activities fully cooked
11 but as you are cooking and getting everything set up for your manufacturing
12 activities, it'd be great to hear updates around then. If you could just stick that
13 in the document, we'd be really grateful. And I'll be able to send a link around
14 once again to the fully Manufacturing Council.

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16 And finally the Department of Commerce is doing an extensive public affairs
17 press kind of communication set up outreach. And so in the next day or so, I'll
18 probably be reaching out to four or five folks to ask them to blog on behalf of
19 the Department of Commerce. I'll probably be reaching out to a handful of
20 other folks to see if they can blog if the Manufacturing Council Website. So
21 just know that some request are coming your way because we would really
22 like to highlight the incredible work that the Manufacturing Council members
23 are doing on behalf of Manufacturing Day. Back to you, (Susan).

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25 (Susan Smith): Okay. Thank you, Archana. Before I open for roundtable and questions there
26 is a proposal to cancel the September 1st co-chair meeting. There have been
27 an excessive number of meeting conflicts and travel identified so unless
28 anybody has a burning reason to sustain that meeting, I'm going to officially
29 cancel it. And I am asking any of the co-chairs or council members with any
30 issues to please reach out to (Claudine) and I to schedule a sidebar meeting.

1 And I would especially request (Hero) if you would touch base, we can call on
2 later this week and perhaps convene a sidebar meeting for the Energy
3 Subcommittee. I know you guys have done a lot of work and I want to keep
4 the momentum going.

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6 (Hero Jatakata): Yes. Yes, Madame Chair.

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8 (Susan Smith): Thank you very much.

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10 (Claudine Martinez): (Susan)?

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12 (Susan Smith): Yes.

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14 (Claudine Martinez): Excuse me, (Susan). This is (Claudine). Before you head to the
15 roundtable, could you just give some time for Archana to give a call to all the
16 members for additional manufacturing council members as we discussed this
17 morning? Archana, do you want mention that real quickly?

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19 Archana Sahgal: One more time, (Claudine). I missed the last half. You broke up.

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21 (Claudine Martinez): We had someone who is retired from the council and so we have an
22 opening. And we were going to bring up the possibility of the council
23 members giving up feedback on potential members.

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25 Archana Sahgal: Yes, thank you. I didn't hear the last part of your statement. Yes. So as many
26 of you know there are two vacancies for this term Manufacturing Council.
27 And on a recent co-chair's phone call, we shared that the process in which to
28 call for applicants is actually quite simple in that the FR notice that we sent
29 out one year ago still applies to this term.

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1 So if members of the Manufacturing Council have phenomenal ideas for
2 applicants please let me know as soon as possible. We're in the midst of
3 recruiting. I'm doing some outreach and getting some recommendations set up
4 for the Secretary. So we'd love to include your ideas and recommendations as
5 we're moving forward with outreach. Thank you. Thank you, (Claudine).

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7 (Susan Smith): Okay. I would like to open the council meeting for the last three or four
8 minutes of our scheduled time for any roundtable and questions and answers.
9 Okay. Without any further ado, I would like to once again thank (Angie Chen)
10 for felicitating those speedy deliberations and discussion on the letters of
11 recommendation. I think they were incredibly well thought out and thank you
12 very much for all of the off line work on that. And with that the meeting is
13 adjourned. Thank you, everybody.

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15 ((Crosstalk))

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