



## Make It In Delaware Agenda

The U.S. manufacturing sector has long been the primary driver of a high quality of life and wage growth among the middle class, but it has taken a hit with recent changes in the global economy. Delaware is no stranger to manufacturing job loss. Since 2003, Delaware's manufacturing sector has declined by roughly 30 percent.

However, recent changes in labor costs in developing countries and other changes at home and abroad have led to a modest rejuvenation of our domestic manufacturing. To continue this trend and help our middle class once again prosper and grow, U.S. policy makers need to work to create the best environment for manufacturers to be innovative and thrive.

We need to develop a national manufacturing strategy that takes a comprehensive look at our economy and how we can help entrepreneurs create the next generation of high-paying middle-class jobs. Since 2011, I've worked with my Democratic colleagues in the House of Representatives to support the Make It In America agenda, designed to reinvigorate the American manufacturing sector. The Make It In Delaware agenda is my take on how we can build on the Make It In America federal manufacturing policies, with a particular focus on how we can help Delaware manufacturers grow.

**As part of my Make It In Delaware Agenda I have introduced the following legislation in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress:**

- **The Made in America Act (H.R. 2664)**: This bipartisan bill creates the framework for a voluntary product labeling program to identify the extent to which products are made in the U.S.
- **Research and Development Tax Credit Extension Act (H.R. 905)**: The R&D Credit is one of the most important resources that companies have to spur innovation. This bill would make the credit permanent and increase the rate from 14 to 17 percent.
- **Manufacturing Communities Investment Act (H.R. 3735)**: This bill would expand the highly successful, bipartisan New Markets Tax Credit to provide an investment credit for the creation or expansion of manufacturing in parts of the country that have experienced severe job loss.
- **The Skills Connection Act (H.R. 4758)**: This bill would create a system that would match job seekers with the positions for which they qualify by establishing a comprehensive registry of workforce skills and credentials as well as a national system to link employers with job seekers.

**Additionally, I am an original cosponsor of these critical manufacturing bills:**

- **Scaling Up Manufacturing (SUM) Act (H.R. 616)**
- **Incentivizing Offshore Wind Power Act (H.R. 924)**
- **Partnership to Build America Act (H.R. 2084)**
- **Put America Back to Work Act (H.R. 535)**