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The Honorable Geoff Davis  
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Dear Congressman Davis:

On behalf of AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, I am writing in appreciation of your leadership in reintroducing “Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act.” Reining in both the regulatory and structural costs that put U.S. companies at a competitive disadvantage is a guiding principle of AMT’s Manufacturing Mandate.

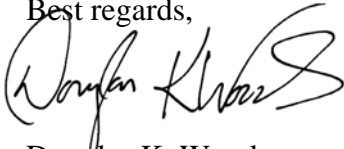
AMT represents U.S.-based manufacturing technology companies. Our members provide the tools that enable production of all manufactured goods. In their workplaces and in their products, safety and efficiency are critical elements of the manufacturing process. AMT members value the role our government plays in providing standards for each. Unfortunately, in many cases, regulations are excessive, confusing and so costly that R&D and business development suffer as a result, hindering job growth and stifling innovation.

The overwhelming majority of AMT members are small businesses and the regulatory burden is worst for them. According to a study by the Small Business Administration’s Office of Advocacy, small manufacturers bear a disproportionate share of the high cost of government regulations. Yet, these companies are looked to as the innovators. They are the businesses that will discover safer, cleaner ways to make things.

AMT supports H.R. 10’s balanced and deliberate approach to regulatory policy. The greater oversight and accountability required by the REINS Act is critical when implementing new regulations. Furthermore, we believe regulatory reform should be one part of a comprehensive national strategy to help revitalize and strengthen our manufacturing sector – a strategy focused on driving innovation and increasing competitiveness.

AMT stands ready to support your efforts as H.R. 10 moves through the legislative process. I have taken the liberty of letting AMT members know of your continued work on behalf of America’s manufacturers.

Best regards,



Douglas K. Woods  
President