

October 29, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

An open and fully functioning government is essential to the growth of the American economy, the success of manufacturers across the country and the wellbeing of our communities. When the government is shuttered, it stifles our ability to invest in our communities and our people. And it diminishes faith in our institutions.

To ensure President Trump's tax and regulatory agenda unleashes opportunity for the American people, the federal government should be doing everything in its power to support manufacturers' ability to invest, create jobs and grow. That requires reopening the government without further delay, and a clean continuing resolution is the swiftest and most effective way to achieve that.

The consequences of a government shutdown extend far beyond the halls of federal office buildings. It slows down the critical safety approvals of products on which families depend, especially lifesaving health care products. Inspections of new facilities, including manufacturing facilities and power plants, grind to a halt—meaning newly completed factories sit idle and valuable sources of power cannot be added to the grid. Permitting becomes next to impossible, and housing projects, retail construction, data centers, manufacturing production lines, infrastructure projects and other job-creating investments cannot break ground.

With each passing day, the American people suffer new losses, and businesses remain stuck in neutral. It is time to move forward and allow the federal government to get back to work for Americans and their communities.

Sincerely,

National Association of Manufacturers

Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Arizona Manufacturers Council

Arkansas State Chamber/AIA

California Manufacturers & Technology Association

Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)

Associated Industries of Florida

Georgia Association of Manufacturers

Chamber of Commerce Hawaii

Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry

Illinois Manufacturers' Association

Iowa Association of Business and Industry

Kentucky Association of Manufacturers

Michigan Manufacturers Association

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi Manufacturers Association

Montana Chamber of Commerce

Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Nevada Manufacturers Association

New Jersey Business and Industry Association

New Mexico Business Coalition

The Business Council of New York State, Inc.

Greater North Dakota Chamber

Ohio Manufacturers' Association

Oregon Business & Industry

Rhode Island Manufacturers Association

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

Texas Association of Business

Utah Manufacturers Association

Association of Washington Business

West Virginia Manufacturers Association

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce