United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation’s largest industrial trade association, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to oppose S.J. Res. 8, a Joint Resolution Recognizing the Duty of the Federal Government to Create a Green New Deal.

Manufacturers are committed to keeping our promise—to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and take strong steps to combat climate change. This promise is driven by our commitment to balancing our energy, environment and economic needs in a way that ensures the prosperity of America’s manufacturing workers while protecting the communities in which they live. We are already doing it right on our shopfloors: the manufacturing sector has reduced its GHG emissions 10 percent over the last decade while its value to the economy has gone up by 19 percent. Virtually every major manufacturer has a policy in place to reduce their GHG emissions, with many extending to supply chains. Manufacturers are deploying a range of innovative strategies to confront a challenge for which there is no simple solution.

S.J. Res. 8 would require the federal government to decarbonize the manufacturing, transportation and electric power sectors in an unrealistic 10-year time frame. Manufacturers agree with many of the individual goals of S.J. Res. 8, such as investing in energy and water efficiency, upgrading the power grid, expanding fuel diversity, repairing infrastructure and reducing GHG emissions. However, S.J. Res. 8 is impractical in both its scope and its timeline. Manufacturers agree that more action is needed on climate; S.J. Res 8, however, is the wrong answer.

The NAM’s Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that all votes related to S.J. Res. 8, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 116th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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