

Cosponsor S.1896, The Manufacturing Communities Investment Act

Dear Colleague,

We write to ask you to join us in spurring domestic manufacturing and job creation by expanding the already successful New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program to include a Manufacturing Communities Tax Credit.

We have seen hopeful signs in America's manufacturing sector in recent years. For the first time since the 1990s, the sector is growing. Since December 2009, the manufacturing sector has added more than 300,000 jobs to the economy. However, too many manufacturing communities are struggling with the burden of shuttered plants, diminished tax bases, and lack of investment capital. This bill would help these communities aiding new manufacturing investments in communities that have lost jobs during the "Great Recession".

The Manufacturing Communities Tax Credit is a targeted request that builds on the proven success of the NMTC (IRC Section 45D). Between 2003 and 2012, NMTC credit allocations were leveraged to drive \$60 billion in private investment, creating over 550,000 private sector jobs.

The NMTC expired on December 31, 2013, and the Manufacturing Communities Tax Credit Act will extend the NMTC for three years increasing the annual allocation from \$3.5 billion to \$5 billion. In addition, the Manufacturing Communities Tax Credit will spur investment in communities by allocating an additional \$1 billion annually in calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for manufacturing investments in communities which have suffered a major manufacturing job loss event.

From 2003 – 2011 nearly 15% of NMTC projects have been in the manufacturing sector. These projects leveraged over \$2.5 in private sector investment for every dollar in credits allocated. The Manufacturing Communities Tax Credit will further stimulate domestic manufacturing and assist economically-distressed communities with the greatest need.

To become a cosponsor of this bill, contact Gideon Bragin at Gideon_Bragin@brown.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

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