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Dear House Member

I write on behalf of the 12 unions of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council, with over 4 million members, to urge that you pass the Inflation Reduction Act without delay.

Taken together, the provisions of the *Inflation Reduction Act* are unquestionably the most important policy measures to support domestic manufacturing in our nation's history. The tax incentives, grants, and domestic content provisions will not only spur job creating investment in the manufacturing sector, they will also move the sector towards the investment needed to reduce emissions while positioning the United States to be competitive in a wide-range of clean energy goods.

We do not expect the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) provisions to have a measurable impact on the manufacturing sector. We reject the idea that asking the largest, most profitable corporations to pay a minimum level of taxes is an economic impediment for the United States – history is replete with examples of just the opposite.

Further, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the AMT provision will raise \$222 billion over 10 years, and the portion borne by manufacturing is likely less than half. As a point of reference, according to the <u>Census Bureau</u>, manufacturing *after tax profits* have been running over \$200 billion <u>per quarter</u>.

The Inflation Reduction Act is a huge step towards revitalizing domestic manufacturing and for job creation in this vital sector. We urge you to pass it and get it to President Biden's desk immediately.

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