

**NAM** National Association  
of Manufacturers

October 2, 2006

The Honorable John Culberson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1728 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Culberson:

We are pleased to inform you that your voting record in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress has earned you the *NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence*. The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) presents this award to Members of Congress who achieve a rating of 70 percent or better on floor votes in favor of our manufacturing agenda. You have further distinguished yourself with a perfect – 100 percent – voting record and join a key group of legislators whom we acknowledge as consistent proponents of our pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda.

We intend to make your outstanding key vote record known to our entire membership. We will also remind them that your favorable votes on issues in Washington have a direct impact on jobs and the economy in your district. Your support for the manufacturing agenda has helped advance the effort to maintain U.S. leadership in the global economy, expand economic growth, and assist the private sector in creating jobs and raising living standards.

As you may have heard, last week the NAM released an updated version of our landmark cost study showing that structural non-production costs place the United States at a 31 percent disadvantage compared to our nine major trading competitors. Many solutions to these excessive costs – including costs related to taxes, regulations, health care and energy – were addressed in legislation on which you cast votes during the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Your understanding of this cost squeeze is evident in your voting record. We hope that you will share this report with your colleagues and constituents.

In addition, we have included a list of our key votes as well as information on our key vote award program. Local presentations by NAM members around the country are being planned. You may hear from a manufacturing constituent in your district about arranging such an event.

Congratulations and thank you on behalf of our nation's manufacturers and their millions of employees. If you or your staff has any questions about our key vote process, please call Tim Luginbill in our Advocacy and Policy Research Dept at (202) 637-3118. Questions about our award events should be directed to Tiffany Adams of the NAM Public Affairs Department at (202) 637-3118.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Key Manufacturing Votes, Award Fact Sheet. The Escalating Cost Crisis

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## **NAM Key Manufacturing Votes**

### **109th Congress, U.S. House of Representatives**

- 1. Class Action Reform (S. 5)**
- 2. Death Tax Repeal (H.R. 8)**
- 3. Arbitrary Corporate Average Fuel Economy Increases (Amendment to H.R. 6)**
- 4. Liquefied Natural Gas Supplies (Amendment to H.R. 6)**
- 5. Energy Policy Act (H.R. 6)**
- 6. Withdrawing U.S. Membership in the World Trade Organization (H.J. Res. 27)**
- 7. OSHA Legal Issues, Review Commission Reform (H.R. 741)**
- 8. OSHA Legal Issues, Attorneys' Fees (H.R. 742)**
- 9. Association Health Plans (H.R. 525)**
- 10. U.S. Trade Rights Enforcement Act (H.R. 3283)**
- 11. U.S.-Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (H.R. 3045)**
- 12. Medical Liability Reform (H.R. 5)**
- 13. Bolstering U.S. Refinery Capacity (H.R. 3893)**
- 14. Regulation Through Litigation (Food Liability, H.R. 554)**
- 15. Regulation Through Litigation (Gun Liability, S. 397)**
- 16. Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (H.R. 420)**
- 17. Extending Lower Rates on Capital Gains, Dividends (H.R. 4297)**
- 18. Undermining the National Uniformity for Food Act (Amendment to H.R. 4167)**
- 19. Energy Exploration in ANWR**
- 20. Federal Regulation of the Internet (Net Neutrality Amendment to H.R. 5252)**
- 21. Line Item Veto (H.R. 4890)**
- 22. Energy Development in the Outer Continental Shelf (H.R. 4761)**
- 23. U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement (H.R. 5684)**
- 24. Health Information Technology (H.R. 4157)**

All Key Manufacturing Votes are reviewed and approved by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Key Vote Advisory Committee (KVAC), which consists of executives from five large and five small manufacturing firms. Members of Congress are notified by hand-delivered letter and by email in advance of all potential Key Manufacturing Votes.