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The Honorable Chris Coons
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coons:

On behalf of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), I write to endorse the Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing Act of 2019 and thank you for your important leadership in crafting this legislation. This bill makes important updates to the Manufacturing USA program that will allow for continued American leadership in advanced manufacturing.

Since the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act (RAMI Act) was signed into law on December 16, 2014, the Manufacturing USA program has grown to include 14 individual manufacturing innovation Institutes, each focusing on a manufacturing technology area of significant national importance. Over the past five-and-a-half years, the expanded network of Institutes has yielded many successes—as outlined in past annual reports to Congress—and have learned to more efficiently and effectively accomplish the goal of securing U.S. global leadership in advanced manufacturing. As best practices emerge from the Institutes, it is important to take the opportunity to reauthorize the existing program and implement lessons learned. We applaud you for recognizing this opportunity and for proposing changes that promote a more efficient and successful program.

ASME supports legislative efforts to strengthen advanced manufacturing in the United States by reauthorizing the Manufacturing USA program and we are encouraged by the proposed changes outlined in the Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing Act of 2019. The proposed bill will ensure the continued growth and success of the program, which has proven essential to national and economic security.

ASME applauds your work in Congress and we look forward to working with you to enact the American Manufacturing Leadership Act. If our community can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathryn Holmes, Director of ASME Government Relations at (202) 785-7390.

Sincerely,

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