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The Honorable Tom Reed II  
1504 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joseph Kennedy  
1218 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representatives Reed and Kennedy:

On behalf of the Bipartisan Policy Center's (BPC) Energy Project, I want to thank you for underscoring the importance of technological innovation in economic growth and international competitiveness at the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology hearing on December 12, 2013, on H.R. 2996, the *Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act*. We endorse your bipartisan efforts to strengthen the American innovation ecosystem and increase the competitiveness of American manufacturing.

Founded in 2007 by former Senate Majority Leaders Howard Baker, Tom Daschle, Bob Dole and George Mitchell, BPC is a Washington-based think tank that actively seeks bipartisan solutions to some of the most complex policy issues facing our country. In addition to energy, BPC has ongoing projects on health care, homeland security, housing, political reform, immigration, the federal budget and financial regulatory reform.

Additionally, BPC works in conjunction with the American Energy Innovation Council (AEIC), a group of America's top business executives who convened starting in 2010 to recommend ways to promote American innovation in clean energy technology. AEIC's leaders, including Bill Gates, Jeff Immelt, and other current and former CEOs, are united in their belief that technology innovation--especially in energy--is critical to solving the many economic, national security, competitiveness, and environmental challenges facing our nation.

We support efforts to make the American innovation ecosystem more robust. Advanced manufacturing is critical for an array of new technologies, particularly energy technologies that rely on advanced materials, such as solid-state lighting, energy storage, and photovoltaic cells, and precision machining, such as next-generation gas turbines. By funding a network of centers for manufacturing innovation, your legislation will bring together clusters of researchers and businesses to translate the latest advanced technologies into large-scale manufacturing activities. Doing so will not only create new manufacturing jobs and businesses but also strengthen American competitiveness in global technology markets.

Accelerating technology innovation is a smart investment for America's future. We thank you for your continued, bipartisan emphasis on public investments in R&D to keep the U.S. economy competitive and growing.

Sincerely,

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