May 18, 2004

Via Facsimile and Electronic Mail

The Honorable Donald Manzullo
Chairman
Committee on Small Business
United States House of Representatives
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Red Tape Reduction: Improving the Competitiveness of America’s Small Manufacturers

Dear Chairman Manzullo:

On May 14, 2004, the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration (Advocacy) submitted the enclosed comments and nominations for regulatory reform to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The comments relate to OMB’s Draft 2004 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations. The nominations respond to OMB’s call for public nominations of reforms to reduce regulatory burdens on small and mid-sized businesses in the manufacturing sector.

To the extent that they may be helpful as the Committee considers ways to improve the competitiveness of America’s small manufacturers, we ask that the Committee enter these comments and attached materials for the Record. We appreciate the Committee’s diligence in helping America maintain its competitiveness by creating an environment where entrepreneurship can flourish. We commend your leadership and we join you in calling on agencies to remove barriers that stifle job growth. If you have any questions about our comments or reform nominees, please call Suey Howe at (202) 205-6144 or Keith Holman at (202) 205-6936.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure