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Expressing the Sense of Congress that the United States needs an industrial policy with regard to automobile, aerospace, shipping, and steel industries, which are vital to national and economic security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. LATOURETTE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the Sense of Congress that the United States needs an industrial policy with regard to automobile, aerospace, shipping, and steel industries, which are vital to national and economic security.

Whereas industrial manufacturing is responsible for \$1.6 trillion or 12 percent of the gross domestic product, about $\frac{2}{3}$ of American exports, and over 20 million well-paying jobs;

Whereas industrial manufacturing in the United States has helped to create a thriving, industrious, and innovative middle class;

Whereas the United States lost over 3 million manufacturing jobs between 1995 and 2005, 37.5 percent of which were lost in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Pennsylvania;

Whereas 1.3 million manufacturing jobs were lost between December 2007 and February 2009;

Whereas industrial manufacturing jobs in the United States have not been replaced by other manufacturing jobs;

Whereas real wages in the United States have stagnated since 1979;

Whereas the United States requires a strong industrial base to meet its defense needs;

Whereas Congress has required that military hardware and government purchases should be from American companies;

Whereas American public transit systems require \$75 billion in annual capital costs;

Whereas every \$10 million investment in public transportation capital yields \$30 million in additional sales, and each \$10 million investment in operating expenses yields \$32 million;

Whereas American consumers want to purchase automobiles of the highest possible efficiency that can run on clean fuels;

Whereas the American auto industry, including parts and suppliers, is responsible for 1 out of every 10 jobs in the United States;

Whereas the American construction industry will require the use of new materials, new construction techniques, and new energy systems;

Whereas the policies of the United States government with regard to manufacturing have been haphazard and uncoordinated; and

Whereas other industrialized nations have developed policy frameworks to promote innovation and manufacturing within their borders: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that in order to ensure that workers and in-
3 dustries in the United States meet the needs of a stronger
4 American economy and national security, the Nation needs
5 an industrial policy that corrects the widespread disinvest-
6 ment in its productive capacity, that preserves core indus-
7 tries, that positions core industries as global leaders in
8 manufacturing the goods necessary to support clean and
9 renewable energy development, and that restores the pos-
10 sibility of middle class incomes to working people.

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