

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