



October 5, 2004

The Honorable John Culberson
U.S. House of Representatives
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Culberson:

Congratulations and thank you, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, and the millions of people who make things in America.

Your voting record in the 108th Congress has earned you the NAM Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence. The NAM presents this award to members of Congress who achieved a rating of 70 percent or better on floor votes in favor of our pro-growth agenda.

The attached materials explain the award in some additional detail. We are planning a presentation event in Washington on February 16, 2005, to honor all award winners. In preparation for this event, national and local press will be notified. Prior to February 16th, local presentations by NAM members around the country are being planned. You may hear from a manufacturing constituent in your district about arranging such an event.

We intend to make your key vote record known to our entire membership. Your favorable votes on key manufacturing issues helped advance the effort to maintain U.S. leadership in the global economy, expand economic growth and trade, and assist the private sector in creating jobs and raising living standards. As you know, manufacturing has recently emerged from a recession and your pro-manufacturing votes are a key reason that the state of American manufacturing has improved. We have attached a list of those votes for your review.

You'll be hearing from us in the coming weeks about this award and our continued desire to work with you and other Members of Congress in the conviction that the NAM's pro-growth, pro-manufacturing agenda is an inherently pro-worker agenda. If you or your staff have any questions, please call one of us or Tiffany Adams of the NAM Public Affairs Department at (202) 637-3118.

Again, thank you and congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ned W. Masee".

Ned W. Masee
Chairman, NAM Key Vote Advisory Committee
VP, Corporate Affairs, MeadWestvaco Corporation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Baroody".

Michael E. Baroody
Executive Vice President
National Association of Manufacturers

Attachments: Fact Sheet, Award Flyer, List of Votes

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