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Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and Members of the House Government Oversight Committee:

On behalf of the Ohio Manufacturers Association (OMA), I am writing to express our strong support for House Concurrent Resolution 8 (HCR 8), which urges the United States Congress to make the provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) permanent. Our members—Ohio's manufacturers—are deeply invested in the success of our state and the nation, and we recognize that sound tax policy is a critical driver of economic growth.

Representing 1,300 manufacturers across Ohio, the OMA is solely dedicated to protecting and growing manufacturing—the state's largest industry and the top contributor to Ohio's GDP, generating \$130 billion and employing nearly 700,000 Ohioans. A strong manufacturing sector is essential to our state's economic prosperity, and a competitive tax environment is critical for this economic driver to thrive.

The 2017 TCJA delivered significant benefits to Ohio's manufacturing sector. It fueled record investment, job creation, and wage growth across the industry, enabling businesses to expand, hire more workers, and offer better compensation. These outcomes were not coincidental—they were the direct result of a competitive tax code that promoted innovation, reduced compliance costs, and empowered manufacturers to plan and grow with confidence.

However, the temporary nature of certain provisions of the TCJA has created uncertainty for Ohio's manufacturers, making it difficult to plan for the future. Making these tax reforms permanent would provide the stability necessary for manufacturers to continue investing in their businesses, workforce, and communities.

We commend the sponsor, Representative Josh Williams, and the cosponsors of HCR 8 for recognizing the importance of a stable and competitive tax policy. By urging Congress to make the TCJA permanent, you are supporting continued prosperity for Ohio manufacturers and their employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony today. I can be reached at 614-557-9661 or jlee@ohiomfg.com to answer any questions members of the committee may have. Sincerely,

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