

600 Manufacturing and Business Leaders Pledge to Work with Next President, Urge National Unity Ahead of America's 250th Anniversary

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Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Manufacturers and 606 business leaders from across the manufacturing economy signed and released a letter to be sent to the next president, following the election. The letter demonstrates a firm commitment to working with the next administration regardless of whom the American people send to the White House.

The letter states the following:

Dear President-Elect:

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we, the leaders of America's manufacturing industry and the industries that support it, extend our congratulations on your election. This historic milestone reminds us of the moments when our country came together to define its future—built on the foundation of free enterprise, competitiveness, individual liberty and equal opportunity.

We believe in an exceptional America, and that our future is strongest when we are united. As business leaders, we have a unique responsibility to help bridge divides and advance our shared purpose. In this era of challenges and change, we are committed to working together to strengthen trust and collaboration—within our sectors and across the nation.

This moment is critical for the millions of workers and communities who rely on our success. A strong manufacturing economy is essential to our national security, economic resilience and continued prosperity. We must restore confidence in the future and in the economic systems that have long driven opportunity and innovation, so that American families and businesses can thrive in a united and forward-looking nation.

We understand the power of collaboration and are ready to work productively with your administration to tackle the pressing challenges we face. While there may be moments of disagreement, we are committed to addressing those differences with mutual respect and in the spirit of constructive dialogue. The days following a hard-fought election have always been a time for healing, finding common ground and renewing our focus on what unites us as a people. The peaceful transition of power is a hallmark of our democracy and is essential to ensuring continued confidence in the rule of law—a commitment that has made America exceptional.

As leaders of industries that drive America's promise, you can count on us as steadfast partners in this work and in building our future together.