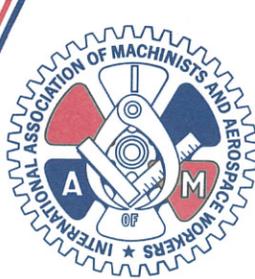


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**RE: Support and Cosponsor Invest in America Jobs Act
of 2013**

Dear Representative,

With unemployment still hovering at eight percent and the Nation facing cuts from sequestration, our economy continues to face significant headwinds. Congress needs to take real action to get all Americans working. To that end, I urge you to support and become a cosponsor of the Invest in America Jobs Act of 2013.

This important legislation would ensure the wise use of our tax dollars by strengthening Buy America provisions for public infrastructure projects. Domestic content requirements for iron, steel, and manufactured goods for public transit rolling stock and aviation facilities would increase to 100 percent, a significant improvement from the current 60 percent threshold. Any Federal agency seeking a waiver of the Buy America requirements would be required to justify the waiver and seek public comment prior to the implementation of the waiver.

Additionally, Buy America requirements would be expanded to apply to Clean Water State Revolving Fund grants and Economic Administration (EDA), which are currently not covered.

The Invest in America Jobs Act of 2013 works by using our tax dollars to employ Americans to improve the productive capacity of the United States. To become a cosponsor of this win-win legislation, please contact Kim Le of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff at 225-4472.

If you have any questions, please contact Legislative and Political Director Matt McKinnon at (301) 967-4575.

Sincerely,

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