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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act, and I thank Chairman **LEVIN** and the Ways and Means Committee for their diligent work on this bill over the last two years.

The legislation before the House today will help American manufacturers compete at home and abroad by temporarily providing import relief on certain intermediate products or materials that are not made domestically or are not opposed by domestic producers.

This bill will help level the playing field of U.S. firms, increase competitiveness of American products at home and abroad, provide support for tens of thousands of American jobs, and help increase American production and expand our nation's gross domestic product by billions of dollars. As we continue our economic recovery, this bill is an important short-term action that Congress can take now to protect and expand American jobs and provide another boost to our economy.

I especially appreciate the Committee's work to include several duty suspensions for Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex, a distributor of small kitchen appliances based in Richmond, Virginia. These duty suspensions for Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex were first included in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule by Senator George Allen in 2006. I was happy to support the extensions of these duty suspensions in the 110th Congress and I thank the Chairman for including these suspensions in this bill. By providing this import relief through 2012, these duty suspensions will protect important manufacturing jobs in and around my Congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act will promote competitiveness, innovation, exports and, most importantly, job creation for American manufacturers. I urge my colleagues to support this important job protection and job creation legislation.