Presented by the Made Right Here Alliance in Conjunction with the Congressional Maker Caucus and the Congressional Manufacturing Caucus

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What:
“Making” is fast becoming a significant part of the American landscape and it presents new and exciting opportunities for business development, economic development generally, and the larger manufacturing sector specifically. The federal government can and should have a meaningful role in supporting this innovative growth and helping guide “making to manufacturing” with coordinated and effective policy.

Developing national policy, however, requires understanding local realities, industry vernacular, and developing trends. To that end, this Congressional Briefing will discuss:

• the differences between “hobbyist or tinkerer” and “making as a profession;”
• the differences between “making” and “manufacturing;” and importantly
• how “making” trends can and will impact local economies and domestic manufacturing.

The Made Right Here Alliance believes, “maker” national policy should consider the necessities for supporting start-up manufacturing including education, workforce development, manufacturing supply chains, growing access to manufacturing technology, and the basic definitions behind the Maker to Manufacturer movement. This briefing will begin to delineate these elements and set the stage for continued productive policy conversations.

Representatives Tim Ryan, Tom Reed, and Mark Takano are invited to speak.

Panelists:
• Dr. David Cranmer, Deputy Director for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program office
• Bernie Lynch, Made Right Here Alliance
• Michael Hripko, Youngstown State University

Moderated by Aaron Grau, Executive Director of the Made Right Here Alliance.

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