

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt:

As you work to develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies appropriations bill, we write to ask for your continued support and increased support for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program to \$245 million.

The MEP program is the only nationwide network of public-private partnerships that provide technology-based services to small- and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs), which they use to create good-paying manufacturing jobs. The MEP centers enable manufacturers to compete globally by providing access to critical information, training, and technologies that improve efficiency, productivity, and profitability.

MEP delivers a high return on investment to taxpayers. The Upjohn Institute for Employment Research conducted a study of MEP and found that the program generates a 13.6:1 return on investment. According to an annual survey conducted by an independent firm, MEP clients reported \$13 billion new and retained sales and the creation or retention of 108,748 jobs in 2020. Considering that the average U.S. manufacturing worker earns more than \$88,406 in wages and benefits per year, MEP clients are economic drivers in their communities. MEP clients are also increasing their capacity for the production of goods. MEP clients reported \$4.9 billion in new investments directly attributed to their work with MEP.

The MEP program's well-documented impact is substantial. Since 1988, MEP clients reported 1,327,744 jobs created and retained. Each of these jobs creates 5 full-time additional jobs, totaling more than 6 million additional jobs in local communities. The total job impact of the MEP Program generates significant local, state, and federal tax revenues.

An increase in funding will allow the program to increase the number of manufacturers receiving MEP services. Specifically, MEP will provide additional services to more companies within critical supply chains, such as automotive, aerospace, and priority defense sectors that support the growth and technological advancement of our military; develop and deploy new services in key areas such as cyber security, 3-D printing, Industry 4.0, flexible materials, broadband technology, and supply-chain

optimization; and re-double efforts to assist US manufacturers with re-shoring, manufacturing repatriation, and creating domestic supply-chains.

The MEP continues to be a cost-effective, job-creating investment that boosts American manufacturing and competitiveness. We respectfully request that you provide \$245 million in funding for the MEP center network in Fiscal Year 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. McGovern". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

Manufacturing Extension Partnership, FY 2022
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