

I voted No on H.R. 5865, the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act.

H.R. 5865 would require the President to publish a national strategy to promote growth and competitiveness in the manufacturing sector. It would also establish a new American Manufacturing Competitiveness Board comprised of public and private sector officials. This Board would advise the President on the manufacturing sector and develop a national manufacturing competitiveness strategy. Moving forward, the President would be required to submit to Congress a report containing a manufacturing strategy and include information regarding the consistency of the Administration's budget with the strategy.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the bill would cost \$15 million over five years to implement.

I strongly support boosting our American manufacturing to create well-paying 21st century jobs. However, this goal is better served by implementing well-known policies such as simpler taxes, less onerous regulation, more technical education and access to affordable energy – not by creating a new government bureaucracy and calling for yet another report at a cost of millions to the taxpayer.

The bill was approved by a vote of 339 – 77.