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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
U.S. Senate  
133 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC  20510

Dear Senator Stabenow:

On behalf of One Voice, the joint effort between the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA) and the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA), and our nearly 3,000 metalworking member companies, thank you for your leadership and continued efforts to address the need to increase American competitiveness in the global marketplace. Your introduction of the China Fair Trade Act of 2010 is an important step in ensuring that China and our other trading partners play by the rules in strengthening the ability of American manufacturers to compete and win on a level playing field.

As we work to promote a robust U.S. economic recovery, it is imperative that we address this paramount trade issue with all available resources. China has yet to fulfill its obligations under the WTO accession process and is refusing to sign and comply with the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement. Until China joins the global community, American companies and workers will continue to face unfair competition against their Chinese counterparts that is restricting U.S. economic recovery and growth.

The challenges facing our nation’s manufacturers have never been greater—and time is growing short to take the steps necessary to give our workers and producers a fair and equitable chance to compete. Thank you for your continued leadership in Washington to strengthen the U.S. manufacturing base and help us succeed in this global environment.

Sincerely,

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