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**Statement of Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas)
Hearing on Strategic Planning for National Manufacturing Competitiveness**

Chairman Smith: Thank you, Chairman Bucshon, for yielding me time. I would like to thank the Subcommittee's Ranking Member, Dan Lipinski, for sponsoring the bill we are considering at this hearing, "The American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2013."

While I share the reservations expressed by Dr. Bucshon about some aspects of the bill, I support Mr. Lipinski's overarching goal—the creation of a manufacturing strategy to better guide government policies and federal spending.

We must foster innovation so that powerful new technologies are developed here and not overseas and so that the United States provides the best environment in which to do business. "Made in America" is a label we want to see on advanced technologies coming out of American laboratories and factories.

I'm looking forward to this hearing today to focus our discussion on what challenges American manufacturers currently face, what issues this federal manufacturing strategy should address in order to ensure American competitiveness, and possible policy recommendations.

I would also like to make a public commitment to Ranking Member Johnson that the Committee will hold a hearing on her manufacturing bill in September.

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