

# UNITED STATES INVESTMENT AND COMPETITION ACT (USICA – S. 1260)

AND THE

## AMERICA COMPETES ACT (H.R. 4521)

### THE U.S. NEEDS SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCY

U.S. manufacturers face an onslaught of foreign industrial subsidies that have forced them to rely on our aging and often insufficient trade laws – while U.S. investment in manufacturing declined.

Like bringing a knife to a gun fight, our country dropped manufacturing investment and the results are staggering. In June 1979, manufacturing employment reached an all-time peak of 19.6 million. In June 2019, employment was at 12.8 million, down 6.7 million or 35 percent from its high.

Lack of federal investment in our industries left devastating results in some USW represented sectors:

- **Steel** – China now accounts for 51.3 percent of global steel production.
- **Titanium** – Russia, China, and Ukraine account for 67 percent of global titanium production – while the U.S. has no ability to produce domestic titanium sponge for defense purposes.
- **Aluminum** – One country (China) represents 57 percent of global output.
- **Rare Earths** – 70 percent of global production is housed in China.
- **Fiber Optic Cable** – In 2019, China accounted for 61.6 percent of global production.
- **Shipbuilding** – In 2018, 43.2 percent of the new ships in the world were built in China.

These stunning figures demonstrate that it's time for Congress to support American manufacturing and ingenuity. The Senate-passed USICA and House-passed America COMPETES Act both contain supply chain provisions, but they need to be combined into a final bill.

Our union worked hard in a bipartisan fashion with Reps. Lisa Blunt-Rochester (D-DE-AL) and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16) to create a supply chain reinvestment program that will reshore manufacturing from countries like China and Russia back to the United States and allied countries – while incorporating important guard-rails to ensure taxpayer dollars create good jobs.

The USW calls on Congress to incorporate the following bi-partisan provisions in a final merged bill:

- \$45 billion for the **Supply Chain Resiliency Act** which contains labor peace language to ensure federal investments do not hinder workers' rights. This fund would support:
  - Manufacturing and retooling of critical goods and industrial equipment.
  - Relocation of manufacturing facilities from China to the United States.
  - Contain labor neutrality language – which allows workers to choose a union.
- Map and monitor critical industry supply chains, allowing the government to respond to potential job losses in critical manufacturing.
  - For example, 200 USW members in Henderson, Nevada lost their jobs when the last U.S.-based titanium sponge plant closed in 2020. Now our country's defense needs are completely reliant on foreign titanium sponge.

**Ask your Senator to support the  
America COMPETES Act Supply Chain Resiliency Act Provisions!**

