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The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan Speaker House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Democratic Leader-elect United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Democratic Leader House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Democratic Leader-elect Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

We write today to reiterate our long-held concern about the outsourcing of American jobs and the need for swift action in the 115th Congress.

As Senators representing manufacturing-heavy states, we welcome the recent attention President-elect Trump has brought to the issue of outsourcing and its impact on middle-class families. We also recognize that a meaningful effort to stop the flow of American jobs to countries like Mexico and China will require Congress to cut through the political gridlock and take action to align our policies with the interests of American workers.

To that end, we strongly encourage congressional leadership to quickly consider and pass legislation to meet the following commonsense principles.

- 1. Federal contracts, funded by taxpayers, should go to American companies that employ American workers. Federal contracting policy should take into consideration whether companies have outsourced American jobs.
- 2. Tax incentives intended to support United States businesses and the domestic economy should go to companies that invest here at home. Federal laws should claw back incentives and prohibit companies from receiving tax breaks for outsourcing jobs and factories, instead of investing in America.
- 3. Federal policies should encourage businesses to bring jobs home and invest in American communities. Our policies should provide tax incentives for companies to relocate foreign jobs to the United States.

The loss of manufacturing jobs in our states has contributed to the decades-long trend of the declining middle class. We believe these principles—which we intend to introduce as legislation—are critical to our shared commitment to encourage companies to invest in the United States and in American workers.

Please join us in standing with the workers who have seen too many of their jobs go to foreign countries.

Sincerely,

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Debbie Stabenow

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