

July 27, 2015

## Jim Brett to Testify at House Democrats' Make It In America Hearing Tomorrow

New England Council President and CEO James T. Brett is scheduled to join national experts and thought leaders in testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives' Democratic Caucus tomorrow regarding manufacturing in America. At the request of House Democratic Whip Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Mr. Brett will discuss the Council's [new report](#) with Deloitte on advanced manufacturing in New England. This report, *Advanced to Advantageous: The Case for New England's Manufacturing Revolution*, has received much attention and positive media since it was released at an event in Boston on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Subsequent events have been held in Providence, RI with Rep. David Cicilline; Montpelier, VT with Gov. Peter Shumlin; Hartford, CT with Sen. Chris Murphy and Rep. John Larson; and Hooksett, NH with Rep. Ann Kuster; and a Maine event is in the works for early fall.

Mr. Brett will discuss some of the findings and recommendations from the report as part of a panel discussion at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow. The hearing is open to all Democratic members of the House to ask questions of the witnesses. **To watch the hearing via livestream, please click [here](#).**

The hearing will run from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with the following schedule:

**PANEL ONE: The American Economy Today – 2 – 2:30 p.m.**

1. Amy Liu, Co-Director of the Metropolitan Policy Program & Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution – discussing responding to our economic challenges
2. E.J. Reedy, Director of Entrepreneurship Research, Kauffman Foundation – discussing entrepreneurship

**PANEL TWO: New Economic Sectors – 2:30 – 3 p.m.**

1. Dr. David Weil, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department

- of Labor – discussing the sharing economy
2. Douglas Ellenoff, Partner, Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP – discussing crowdfunding

**PANEL THREE: Skills Training & Manufacturing – 3 – 3:30 p.m.**

1. Byron Auguste, Managing Director, Opportunity@Work, New America Foundation – discussing skills training
2. Jim Brett, President & CEO, New England Council – discussing manufacturing

**PANEL FOUR: Innovation Today – 3:30 – 4 p.m.**

1. Stephen Ezell, Director of Global Innovation Policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) – discussing advanced technology manufacturing & Internet of Things
2. Sonal Shah, Executive Director, Beeck Center for Social Impact & Innovation, Georgetown University – discussing improving government technology

Below is a copy of the media advisory from Whip Hoyer's office.

**FOR PLANNING PURPOSES**

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**ONLY:** July 23, 2015

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## Hoyer to Hold Second “Make It In America: What’s Next?” Hearing

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – House Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (MD) will hold the second hearing in a series of hearings called [“Make It In America: What’s Next?”](#) on Tuesday, July 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. After five years and 16 bills signed into law, and facing a different economic landscape today, the hearing series will explore how the economy has, and hasn’t, changed, and what families and businesses need in 2015 to Make It In America.

The second hearing will feature testimony by guest experts who are leaders in their fields, and who will address the issues that were brought up at the very successful [first hearing](#) in which over thirty House

Democrats participated.

**WHO:** Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (MD)  
Byron Auguste, Managing Director, Opportunity@Work,  
New America Foundation  
Jim Brett, President & CEO, New England Council  
Douglas Ellenoff, Partner, Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP  
Stephen Ezell, Director of Global Innovation Policy,  
Information  
Technology and Innovation Foundation  
Jennifer Pahlka, Founder & Executive Director, Code For  
America  
E.J. Reedy, Director of Entrepreneurship Research,  
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Dr. David Weil, Administrator of the Wage and Hour  
Division, Department of Labor

**WHAT:** Second "Make It In America: What's Next?" Hearing

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE** Longworth House Office Building  
Room 1310  
Washington, DC

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