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RAMI Act Included in Omnibus Spending Bill

Dear Advanced Manufacturing Working Group Member –

Great news! The recently released omnibus government spending bill contains the text of the Revitalizing American Manufacturing and Innovation (RAMI) Act as previously passed by the House of Representatives. This bill would put President Obama's National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) in statute, and allow for the creation of a nationwide network of advanced manufacturing centers where industry, nonprofits, and academia will have an effective and responsive research infrastructure for a "teaching factory" that allows them to solve relevant problem related to advanced manufacturing and train the nation's future advanced manufacturing workforce.

As you know, New England has previously applied for one of these centers through the limited opportunities available thus far, and the region continues to work toward this goal. Passage of this legislation will likely make it easier for New England to secure a hub moving forward.

As the Omnibus language has been agreed to by House and Senate appropriators in advance, it is widely expected to pass and be signed into law by President Obama. As such, it is likely that the RAMI Act will become law soon!

Of course, there is still much more work to do in arranging for one of these centers in New England, but this is phenomenal news, and a positive development for the Working Group, as this has been our top legislative priority.

I have included information from Rep. Joe Kennedy's (D-MA) office below. If you have any further questions, please feel free to be in touch.

Thank you.

Best,

Chris

INFORMATION FROM REP. KENNEDY'S OFFICE:

ICYMI Congressman Kennedy's bipartisan manufacturing bill -- the Revitalize American Manufacturing Act or RAMI -- has been included in the omnibus spending bill agreed to by House and Senate appropriators last night.

Introduced with Congressman Tom Reed (R-NY), RAMI would create a network of regional, public-private institutes across the country to drive investment and innovation in our manufacturing sector. It secured over 100 bipartisan co-sponsors, evenly split between Republicans and Democrats, and passed the House with overwhelming support in September.

The Senate companion bill was introduced by Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Roy Blunt (R-MO).

For more information on RAMI, please [click here](#).