

AAM Supports H.R. 865, the Rebuild America's Schools Act Needed Investments in Public Schools Support the U.S. Economy

Dear House Education & Labor Committee Chairman Scott:

On behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), I write to express our support for H.R. 865, the *Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019.*

The United States has underinvested in public infrastructure for decades, lowering Americans' quality of life, sapping our global competitiveness and hampering growth. Our public schools, which constitute the second largest public sector of America's infrastructure, are no exception. Our public education system is in desperate need of resources to build new schools and modernize existing facilities to create a learning environment where we can prepare our students for success in the current and future economy. The lack of investment in our schools jeopardizes the health and safety of our students, and adversely impacts academic performance.

AAM also supports the strong domestic content preference contained in Section 304 of this legislation. It ensures that the materials used to construct and modernize our schools are produced in the United States by American workers. This maximizes the stimulative impact of spending taxpayer dollars by incentivizing capital investments and the creation of family- and community-sustaining jobs right here at home. Americans of all political backgrounds believe that their tax dollars should be spent on U.S.-made products, and American workers stand ready to rebuild our aging school infrastructure.

Again, we support passage of H.R. 865, the Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019.

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