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Dear Chair Rolfes and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee –

On behalf of working families and our climate, we request that the Senate Ways & Means Committee hold a hearing on SB 5269, known as the Washington Clean Manufacturing Leadership Act. SB 5269 is a smart investment in our state’s industrial economy, and it deserves your support.

After decades of decline and outsourcing, the United States is poised for a tremendous comeback and expansion in U.S. manufacturing. The Inflation Reduction Act is the single largest investment in the production of clean energy technologies in American history—from wind turbines to batteries to electric vehicles and more. This \$50 billion dollar investment will transform the U.S. industrial sector to make it one of the cleanest and most advanced in the world and create an estimated 900,000 manufacturing jobs over the course of the next decade.

5269 proactively seizes this historic opportunity to radically transform and expand Washington manufacturing by **funding dedicated capacity at the Department of Commerce to track, promote, and secure federal funding for in-state manufacturing.**

Additionally, SB 5269 **directs the Department of Commerce to develop a proactive, state-wide industrial strategy** to capture new and emerging industries, such as the offshore wind supply chain, and transform and grow Washington’s existing manufacturing base.

Naming our state’s existing strengths and targeted areas for growth is critical for attracting new investment and maximizing the benefit of federal funding for all Washington communities. Developing a holistic, comprehensive state industrial strategy will also empower Washington to pursue its climate limits in a way that mitigates the risk of driving pollution and jobs out of state and overseas.

This bill is an important step to grow high-wage jobs that provide economic security for working families and economic health for urban and rural communities. We strongly urge your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

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