

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) held a conference call with members of the Fifth District [Make It In America](#) Advisory Committee, which includes local manufacturers, business leaders, labor organizations, education officials, economic development agencies and others. Congressman Hoyer gave the Advisory Committee a brief update on his efforts to move the Make It In America plan forward.

“This week, I introduced additional Make It In America bills and I’m pleased I could update my Advisory Committee and discuss how these bills will help grow our economy and support job creation here in Maryland and throughout the U.S.,” **stated Congressman Hoyer**. “I want to thank the Committee for all they do to help us Make It In America and for providing their guidance and feedback on how this comprehensive jobs plan can ensure Maryland businesses and families succeed.”

Congressman Hoyer delivered a major [speech](#) earlier this week on the [Make It In America](#) plan, introducing additional bills that will help strengthen manufacturing so that businesses can expand and create jobs. To view the full list of Make It In America bills, click [here](#)

Since the plan was introduced two years ago, President Obama has signed the following Make It In America bills into law:

- **U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act:** Makes it cheaper for American companies to obtain the materials they need to manufacture goods. [Public Law 111-227]
- **Protecting American Patents:** Helps the Patent Office to begin to unclog the backlog—totaling about 1.2 million pending applications—by giving the agency access to more of the fees it collects so that patent applications can continue to be processed and innovative ideas can continue to move to market. [Public Law 111-224]
- **Preventing Outsourcing:** Prevents the outsourcing of U.S. jobs by closing tax loopholes that encourage companies to send U.S. jobs overseas. [Public Law 111-226]

- Small Business Jobs Act: Expands much needed lending to millions of small businesses and offers tax incentives to help small businesses grow, hire, and fuel our economy, without adding a dime to the deficit. [Public Law 111-240]
- Energy Jobs and Training for Veterans Act: Provides grants for programs to provide on-the-job training, apprenticeship, real experience, and long-term employment in all energy fields. [Public Law 111-275]
- America COMPETES Reauthorization Act: Establishes innovative technology federal loan guarantees for small- and medium-sized manufacturers and invests in science, technology, engineering, and math education. [Public Law 111-358]
- Reauthorization of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs: The six-year reauthorization ensures that the nation's small, high-tech, and innovative businesses are a significant part of the federal government's research and development efforts. [Public Law 112-81]
- Leahy-Smith America Invents Act: Improves the patent system to provide incentives for companies to continue innovating and manufacturing in the U.S. [Public Law 112-29]
- Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act: Reauthorizes the Export-Import Bank for three years, ending uncertainty for businesses and providing the resources needed to keep American exporters competitive. [Public Law 112-122]
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Funds infrastructure improvements that will support manufacturing, spur economic growth, and create jobs in our communities. [Public Law 112-141]