



**Statement by Joe McKinney, Executive Director of the National Association of Development Organizations on the Manufacturing Jobs for America Initiative**

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) commends the leadership of several members of the U.S. Senate in putting forth the Manufacturing Jobs for America Initiative. NADO supports partnerships between the federal government and stakeholders at the regional level to implement domestic manufacturing enhancement strategies.

The nation's landscape is dotted with cities and towns that were once home to vibrant manufacturing and industries. As the country's economy turned away from manufacturing, those plants and mills began to close, forcing small communities to grapple with job loss and economic distress. NADO strongly supports policies that accelerate job creation and encourage economic development and advanced skills training to bring manufacturing jobs back to rural and economically distressed communities.

As the voice of the nation's regional development organizations, NADO is appreciative of the Senate's renewed focus on domestic manufacturing and looks forward to working with the Senate to advance solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life across America's local communities.