



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Celebrates Manufacturing Day

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Hello everyone. Congressman Tom Emmer here. Today is National Manufacturing Day and I'd like to take a couple of minutes to discuss the major impact manufacturing has on our state. When I'm home working in Minnesota, I'm lucky enough to spend a great amount of time touring companies and businesses throughout the 6th District and all across our great state. The number of manufacturing companies in our state has truly impressed me and I've learned even more about the incredible effects that manufacturing has on our great state. I'm constantly amazed by these manufacturers which include industry giants like 3M, Medtronic, General Mills and Hormel Foods. On the whole, Minnesota's manufacturing companies bring \$37 billion in revenue and more than 292,000 jobs to our state. Statistics show that every manufacturing job supports an additional 1.9 jobs, making this industry responsible for 850,000 jobs in Minnesota. Manufacturing is the heart of Minnesota's economy and I say this not just because of the jobs and the money that it brings in annually but also because of the products the industry provides. Manufacturers are responsible for producing items we use every day including computer and electronic products, automobiles, planes and textiles just to name a few. Manufacturers are also responsible for producing life-saving technology and in Minnesota we're a leader in the production of medical devices such as pacemakers and hearing aids. The impact that manufacturing has on Minnesota families is extraordinary which is why I'm a huge supporter of this industry today and always. In fact, I recently co-sponsored a resolution honoring the first Friday of October as Manufacturing Day. However, we shouldn't promote this vital industry just on Manufacturing Day. Manufacturing should be celebrated every day of the year. I look forward to continuing to work with Minnesota manufacturers and will continue to pass manufacturing-friendly legislation for as long as I have the honor of representing Minnesota's 6th Congressional District. Thanks for listening and happy Manufacturing Day.

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