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Subject: Walmart Outlines Policy Roadmap to Renew U.S. Manufacturing

Dear Kevin Bryant,

Walmart today convened a broad group of individuals and organizations representing government, business, and non-governmental organizations from across the country to present a [Policy Roadmap to Renew U.S. Manufacturing](#). The meeting included a bipartisan conversation about the current challenges and opportunities in the U.S. manufacturing sector as well as case studies of successful collaboration among key stakeholders.

According to analysis conducted by The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), decreasing policy barriers to domestic manufacturing creates an opportunity to recapture approximately \$300 billion in consumer goods that are currently imported, including furniture, cookware, and sporting goods, potentially resulting in the creation of an estimated 1.5 million American jobs. The analysis, which laid the foundation for the policy roadmap, leveraged BCG's expertise in economic policy and manufacturing along with Walmart's sourcing data and included interviews with merchants, suppliers, and other policy experts.

In a news release issued across the State of South Carolina, Governor McMaster and Ted Pitts, SC Chamber CEO, had the following to say:

*"South Carolina's manufacturing industry is one of the strongest in the country, and that wouldn't be the case without fantastic corporate citizens like Walmart suppliers Element Electronics in Winnsboro and Kent Bicycles in Manning," said **South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster**. "Walmart's efforts to bring manufacturing jobs back to America are well known and have directly benefited South Carolinians. We will proudly partner with Walmart as they continue this important work."*

*"Good manufacturing jobs are vital to making South Carolina the best place in the country to live, work and do business," said **Ted Pitts, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce**. "Walmart is leading an important collaboration to eliminate the barriers to creating more American manufacturing jobs. We believe it's critical for our economy to unite across industry sectors, small and large business, and government to take action and renew U.S. manufacturing, one state or community at a time."*

For more details, be sure to check out our latest [news release](#) outlining the Policy RoadMap to Renew U.S. Manufacturing. The full report can be downloaded [here](#).

Sincerely,

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