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To Whom It May Concern:

The coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) has tremendously impacted our local communities, state, and country for the past year. In Congress, I have fought to ensure that business owners, healthcare providers, teachers, and essential workers have the resources they need to be safe.

COVID-19 has laid bare the need for a robust supply chain to combat this deadly virus and support those on the frontline, especially for those in the medical field. Today, as never before, the United States must ensure the strength of our own domestic supply chain. One vital product is nitrile gloves, which are synthetic rubber gloves with high puncture and chemical resistance. Currently, the largest manufacturers of nitrile gloves are in Malaysia, controlling 65% of the world supply, and North America is the major purchaser.

American Nitrile is an example of American entrepreneurs rising to the challenge to supply our medical professionals and healthcare workers with vital products. According to a report from a manufacturer in Australia, the global demand for nitrile gloves was at approximately 585 billion pairs in 2020, and the supply was at approximately 370 billion resulting in a shortfall of 37%. American Nitrile will initially manufacture nitrile gloves to help bridge the gap we are currently facing. This is a first step to bringing manufacturing back to the United States and strengthening our supply chain.

Additionally, American Nitrile's investment in central Ohio will have a positive impact on the greater community, as well. Their plans will result in the creation of hundreds of jobs and the expansion of the PPE industry in Ohio. In short, American made products will be keeping our frontline workers safe.

I look forward to watching the future success of American Nitrile and the continued effort to support American manufacturers and workers, as well as strengthening our domestic supply chain.

Sincerely,

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