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To whom it may concern,

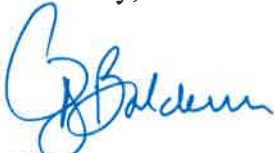
The coronavirus pandemic has impacted every aspect of Ohioan's lives for the past year. In Congress, we have worked to ensure that business owners, medical professionals, teachers, and more have the resources they need to endure the pandemic. The work to provide resources during a pandemic has put a spotlight on our supply chain, especially for medical supplies. More than ever, the United States must ensure the strength of our supply chain without relying heavily on foreign actors like China. One vital product is nitrile gloves, which are synthetic rubber gloves with high puncture and chemical resistance. Currently, the largest manufacturers of these gloves are in Malaysia, controlling 65% of the world supply. North America is the major purchaser.

American Nitrile is an example of American entrepreneurs stepping up to the challenge to supply our medical professionals 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 37% shortfall. American Nitrile will initially manufacture nitrile gloves to help bridge the shortfall we are currently facing. This is the first step to bringing manufacturing back to the United States and strengthening our supply chain.

In addition to strengthening our supply chain in the United States, American Nitrile's investment in central Ohio will have a tremendous impact. Their plans will bring in hundreds of jobs, expand the PPE industry in Ohio, and result in American made products that keep our frontline workers safe.

I look forward to watching the future success of American Nitrile and the continued effort to bring American manufacturers back into our critical supply chain.

Sincerely,



Troy Balderson
Member of Congress