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Honourable Glenn Butcher MP
Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing
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Dear Minister *Glenn*

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing. As you would be aware, manufacturing has traditionally played an important role in Queensland's economy, employing around 128,000 Queenslanders.

What has become clear during the global pandemic though, is how reliant Australia is on overseas made products. Not only does this leave our nation in a precarious position in times of crisis, it also means Australians are missing out on job opportunities.

I want to commend the efforts of the Palaszczuk Government throughout the COVID-19 pandemic in making sure Queensland avoided a prolonged shortage of supplies by working with local companies to manufacture important medical supplies right here in Queensland.

Moreover though, the pandemic, and our response has pointed to the capacity that exists within Queensland industry to manufacture critical and advanced products.

In my own community Imaging Solutions, Merino Country, Beenleigh Rum and Triple Eight Race Engineering Australia have been part of the fight against the virus by making PPE, hand sanitiser and ventilators.

I have started a petition, which has been signed by hundreds of locals, calling on governments of all levels to prioritise opportunities to support locally manufactured products and the jobs that come with their production, right through the associated supply chain as well as associated design and technical support elements.

I would appreciate it if you would outline your plans or any initiatives, to promote Queensland based, advanced manufacturing and support local jobs.

Yours sincerely,

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