

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1310

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the importance of medical manufacturing to the economic and national security of the State of Tennessee and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has made clear the need for a robust and secure supply chain of pharmaceutical ingredients, medical equipment, and personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes the immediate need for medical and personal protective equipment for medical workers and first responders to properly treat and defeat this virus and maintain the future health and security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has fully exposed the weakness of the global supply chain for medical supplies and shown the critical and urgent need for repatriation and growth in American manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a long and robust history of manufacturing and is poised to be a leader in the post-pandemic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is already the headquarters of many of the major healthcare providers and has a strong medical device manufacturing presence in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's educational system is uniquely suited to provide skilled employees through our robust investment in higher education through emphasis on vocational and technical degrees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we, the State of Tennessee, urge Congress and the President to develop policies dedicated to the repatriation and growth of medical manufacturing in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we believe a realignment of our economic goals should focus on the development and judicious use of incentives, marketing, and long-term planning to strengthen our economic and national security interests through policies that place our medical supply chain back inside the United States and grow American manufacturing.