

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 27, 2011

Jennifer Pilat
Executive Secretariat, Manufacturing Council
The Office of Advisory Committees, Manufacturing Council
Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Ms. Pilat:

We write in regard to our support of Mr. Gregory W. Booth's, President and CEO of Zippo Manufacturing Company, application to be appointed to one of the vacancies on the Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Council. Provided the purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the competitiveness of the U.S. manufacturing sector and to provide a forum for regular communication between Government and the manufacturing sector, we believe that Mr. Booth is an ideal candidate.

Mr. Booth has acted as President and CEO of Zippo Manufacturing Corporation since 2001. He is also Chairman of the Board of W.R. Case and Sons Cutlery Co. and Zippo Fashion Italia, both wholly owned subsidiaries of Zippo, which has expanded its sales operations nationally and internationally to over 120 countries, where the Zippo brand remains synonymous with American made quality. In 2005 Mr. Booth was voted Businessman of the Year by the Bradford area Chamber of Commerce and in March of 2007 he was selected by his alma mater, Indiana University of Pennsylvania as one of their Distinguished Alumni.

Mr. Booth is very community oriented and has served on various boards in Bradford and northwestern Pa. including the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford as chairman of the Institutional Advancement Committee, Beacon Light Behavioral Systems of Bradford, the United Way of the Bradford Area, the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Club, the Bradford Nursing Pavilion, The Bradford Area Alliance and the Hamot Medical Center Board of Corporators in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Because of his commitment to American manufacturing and Zippo Manufacturing Corporation's iconic history dating back to 1932, we respectfully request your utmost consideration of Mr. Gregory W. Booth for an appointment to the Manufacturing Council.

Sincerely,



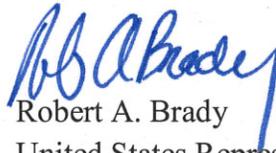
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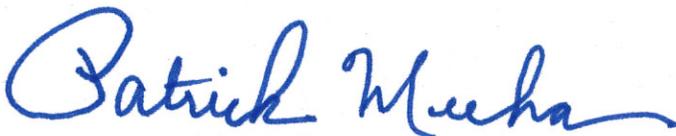
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