



Napolitano, Hoyer Visit Gordon Brush to Discuss Ways to Encourage Competitive Manufacturing in the U.S.

(City of Industry, CA)—Today, **Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (CA-32)** and **House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (MD)** visited Gordon Brush Mfg. Co., Inc. in the City of Industry to congratulate and thank them for being a proud American manufacturer, while discussing the important role small businesses play in our economy and how House Democrats’ Make It In America plan can help break down barriers companies face to growing their businesses here in the U.S.

“Despite foreign competition and companies replicating their products, Gordon Brush continues to manufacture their goods right here in the San Gabriel Valley, employing local residents and stimulating our region’s economy. It is the exceptional quality and durability of their brushes that businesses and consumers look for when purchasing items for industrial, commercial, and personal use, and we must do all we can to ensure these American-made goods remain on the market,” said **Rep. Napolitano**. “We are so grateful House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer has joined us for this important visit today. I look forward to continuing to work with my friend and our distinguished Whip to advance the Make It In America plan, so we can help small businesses like Gordon Brush compete in the global economy and keep their companies here in the U.S.”

“I was proud to join my friend and colleague, Rep. Napolitano, in her district today to visit Gordon Brush and discuss our Make It In America plan,” said **Whip Hoyer**. “I was pleased to learn more about how Gordon Brush is innovating and creating good jobs here in the U.S., and I enjoyed meeting their hardworking employees. In Congress, Rep. Napolitano and I will continue to pursue our jobs plan to help ensure businesses like Gordon Brush and their workers can compete, succeed, and continue to make it in America.”

“Gordon Brush appreciates the opportunity we had for discussions with Congresswoman Napolitano and House Democratic Whip Hoyer on the importance and impact that American manufacturing has on our business and the economy,” said **Ken Rakusin, President & CEO**. “We welcome their continued support to pass legislation that incentivizes companies to “Make It In America.” They were receptive to our discussions on financial incentives for manufacturers such as retaining the Section 179 deduction or creating an investment tax credit, as well as understanding the impact higher taxes and increased health care costs have on businesses.”

Gordon Brush Mfg. Co., Inc., founded in 1951, is a leading manufacturer of specialty, custom, and standard brushes for industrial, commercial, and consumer purposes. With approximately 125 full-time workers, of which the vast majority has been with the company for more than 25 years, a number of Gordon Brush employees are second generation. The company sells to a multitude of industries including: janitorial, medical, electronics, manufacturing, military, aerospace, and pharmaceutical. Gordon Brush has made brushes for the United States Army to clean the main gun on the Abrams tanks, saving the Department of Defense over \$1.5 billion.

Napolitano participated in a “Make It In America: What’s Next?” hearing last year to discuss her ideas based on visitations to San Gabriel Valley businesses for how Congress can address today’s economic challenges and capitalize on new economic opportunities. Using Napolitano’s and her colleagues’ feedback, House Democrats unveiled a new Make It In America plan in June. The updated plan focuses on four areas of action: expanding entrepreneurship & innovation, closing the skills gap, building a 21st century infrastructure, and breaking down barriers to manufacturing in the U.S. Since the plan was launched in 2010, seventeen Make It In America bills have become law, including legislation to cut taxes and provide loans for small businesses, speed up the patent process, train skilled workers, and end tax loopholes that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas. To learn more about the Make It In America plan, click [here](#).

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