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The Honorable Nicole Malliotakis U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Malliotakis:

On behalf of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, we write to express our strong support for your proposed legislation, the Manufacturing Economic Development Strategy (MEDS) Act.

We believe this bill represents a critical opportunity for Puerto Rico to strengthen its economic position by enhancing its capacity to attract foreign direct investment. By creating a competitive and modern framework for revitalizing manufacturing activity on the island, your proposal would serve as a much-needed catalyst for economic development, job creation, and long-term growth.

Puerto Rico's strategic location, skilled workforce, and existing infrastructure make it a natural hub for manufacturing in the Americas. The tools provided under the MEDS Act would further empower our private sector to better compete globally, while also contributing to the broader economic resilience of the United States. This last point is consistent with the Executive Order issued by President Donald Trump on May 5, 2025, promoting the return of medical manufacturing to U.S. Manufacturing has been a vital component of our economy due to a century of bipartisan policies and we are well positioned to contribute to reshoring manufacturing jobs back to U.S. soil.

We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to the economic future of Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce fully endorses the MEDS Act and looks forward to collaborating with you and other stakeholders to ensure its success.

Sincerely,

Luis Pizarro-Otero, Esa, LLM President & Chairman of the Board Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce